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Park ranger Steve Berry tending gardens in Banbury

Grow without forking out

RESIDENTS are being urged to get involved in a community garden scheme to grow their own produce.

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Banbury Town Council is looking for people of all ages to carry out voluntary work at the Community Garden in People's Park.

The project offers people with small gardens or without gardens, or those who don't want an allotment, the chance to grow on an ad-hoc basis. They will nurture fruit, flowers and vegetables that will be entered in Banbury's Flower and Produce Show in August.

They will also be able to take some flowers and vegetables home for personal or family use.

There is no charge and all equipment needed will be provided.

Volunteers, including groups from local charities, can work on Thursdays between 9.30am and 4pm. There is a large greenhouse and poly tunnel so work can be done in all weathers.

Experienced gardeners willing to share their knowledge are especially welcome.

Park ranger Steve Berry, one of the team overseeing the project, said: "It's a chance for people to meet new friends and enjoy doing something worthwhile with absolutely no pressure or commitment.

"They can come as often or as little as they want, but they will get the satisfaction of seeing the results of their efforts as the fruit, flowers and vegetables mature until they are ready to pick and eat.

"Seeing our entries on display at the flower and produce show is also very satisfying – especially when the judges think they're worthy of a prize."

Banbury's community garden is approx half-an-acre of land in People's Park that was set aside as a place to be enjoyed and cultivated by townspeople.

It is in the corner of the park near Banbury Borough Bowls Club.

The garden has existing volunteers but more are needed.

Those interested can contact Banbury Town Council on 01295 250340.

Two women arrested as family attacked in park

By Samantha McGregor

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a family – including an eight-year-old – was assaulted in a Banbury park by two women.

The victims, a 39-year-old woman, a 27-year-old man and the girl, had just reached the entrance to Princess Diana Park near Orchard Fields primary school, when they were approached from behind.

The attackers punched the adults then pulled the woman to the floor by her hair.

During the incident the girl was also injured.

The assault happened at about 3.30pm on Thursday, March 30.

As they walked off towards the car park near the school the two women "made threats to cause serious harm to the victims".

After the incident, while the family was walking in Bretch Hill, a car with the two women inside drove past and they made more threats.

PC Jonathan Livingston said: "This was a vicious and unprovoked attack and threats made to a family who were going for walk in broad daylight.

"The incident happened at a busy time with parents picking up their children from school, so it is possible that someone saw or heard the incident."

The attackers were black women in their twenties. One was wearing a white top, with a black top and black shirt over, as well as tights.

The second woman was wearing a red top, a black coat and jeans.

PC Livingston said: "The victims sustained a number of injuries but thankfully they did not require hospital treatment.

"The man sustained bruising to his chest, the woman sustained bruising to her chest and the girl sustained a cut lip.

"I would urge anyone with any information to please come forward by calling police on 101 or visiting their nearest police station and quoting reference number 43170092991."

Two women, aged 24 and 23, have been arrested on suspicion of assault and threats to kill.

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Call to invest in day centres to prevent high costs later

By Eva Astreinidou

INVESTING in day centres which allow people to stay active could help prevent use of more 'costly services'.

That's according to one campaigner battling to help keep day centres open, many of which are fighting for their long-term future.

Day centres across Oxfordshire are set to benefit from more than £300,000 of funding from transition grants as a new system of daytime support is gradually adopted, but for many centres the money does not go far enough.

Oxfordshire County Council say the majority of centres to benefit will receive their share of the cash from September.

Abingdon Town Councillor Samantha Bowring, who is creating a business plan for the South Abingdon children's centre to stay open, has been campaigning to keep the centre working in the community.

She said the county council have told the centre the rent for the facility is around £30,000 per year, and Ms Bowring says they are looking into organisations to partner with and share the space and cost to keep their services going.

She said: "The main problem is that there is not support beyond the basic support at present.

"I still hope that the [Abingdon] town council will look at its priorities and see what they can put into keeping services running that Oxfordshire is cutting back on.

"It is about priorities and not only is it a compassionate priority, it seems to me to be common sense to invest in services that help people lead healthy independent lives and not become dependent on higher cost services."

She added: "By investing into day centres that allow people to lead active lives, have a social life and access services they are less likely to call upon more costly services."

Of the around 200 voluntary daytime support facilities for young, old and those with disabilities about 150 operate without financial support from the county.

More than 40 do receive help – only six have not placed a bid, two of which have decided they can continue without support from the council.

Of the services proposed for the funding, Age UK day centres are set to get a cash injection of £98,000 across nine services in Oxfordshire.

Acting chief executive of Age UK Oxfordshire, Penny Thewlis, said that long-term plans would be put in place for funding beyond the proposed financial package.

She said: "We are putting in place a range of measures to sustain our clubs – including fundraising, increasing our fees and visiting costs.

"Most centres like ours are doing everything possible to come up with realistic survival plans.

"This is not where any of us would wish to be, but these Transition Grants give us time to work with local communities, funders and older people and carers to retain as much of our provision as possible. But we cannot achieve this alone."

The next round of funds available in 2018/19 will be a reduced amount of £250,000.

Other centres that are bidding in this next round are the Daybreak Oxford centres, which have a proposed bid for £50,000 across three centres.

Inquest into five-year-old's death

THE opening of an inquest into the death of a five-year-old boy from Faringdon confirmed he died from stab wounds.

On Thursday last week, Oxfordshire coroner Darren Salter opened the inquest following a murder investigation launched by Thames Valley Police after the young boy, Tyler Warmington, was found dead on March 14.

The body of the boy was found at a property in Bromsgrove Cottages off Station Road.

It was staff at Tyler's school, Faringdon Primary School that called emergency services.

Mr Salter listed the case for review at the end of July to decide how to proceed with the case.

A 40-year-old woman from Faringdon arrested on suspicion of murder has been detained under the mental health act.

The investigation is ongoing.

Ferrets dumped on roadside

TWO live and five dead ferrets have been found dumped on the roadside.

The RSPCA was alerted on Monday last week after a member of the public discovered a wooden cabinet containing the animals in Charlton-on-Otmoor near Bicester.

The two live ferrets were discovered near to the cabinet containing the dead animals.

RSPCA inspector Andy Eddy said: "Dumping pet ferrets out in the wild to fend for themselves in this way is a cold and thoughtless act.

"Someone made the decision to do this to these poor creatures and it is a cruel and an unnecessary way to treat defenceless animals.

"We do not know if the five [ferrets] were dead when dumped, or if they died as a result of lack of food and water.

"The two small ferrets were found alive in the undergrowth by the cabinet they were thin and very hungry and thirsty."

The two live ferrets are being care for by the RSPCA at Blackberry Farm, Aylesbury

Malcolm Metcalfe, who discovered the ferrets, described spotting the cabinet and initially thinking it had been fly-tipped before making the gruesome discovery.

He said: "It's disgusting to think someone could do such a thing. I've never seen anything like it.

"I had been on my way home from spending a few hours on my allotment when I saw the cabinet at around 12.30pm."

Mr Metcalfe had slowed down his car to see what had been dumped.

He added: "I'd spotted one of the ferrets while looking at the cabinet and at first thought it was a weasel but when I got out of the car I realised it was a ferret.

"He was so friendly and came over to me to be picked up.

"When I found the dead ferrets in the cabinet I immediately called the RSPCA and I'm so glad I did because the inspector found a second ferret who had been hiding in the undergrowth.

"I took the ferret I'd found home with me and gave him a drink - I've never seen an animal drink so much so quickly, he must had been very dehydrated.

"He was really good and was playing with my 10-year-old son in the garden.

"It's sad to think someone could just throw animals away like that and leave them to die."

The RSPCA is now appealing for information.

Mr Eddy added: "I'm hoping someone will recognise the ferrets or be able to provide us with information about where they have come from or be able to help us find the person who abandoned them."

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Ex-financier Matt banking on a trampoline revolution

By Samantha McGregor

Matt Tofts at the Bicester site, which will include 12,000sq ft of trampolines

A NEW £450,000 trampoline park could open in Bicester this summer if plans are approved.

Matt Tofts and partners have applied for change of use permission to convert a warehouse at the Talisman Business Centre into a leisure facility for children and adults.

Called Rebound Revolution, it will be made up of 12,000 sq ft of trampolines including a dodgeball arena, walk-the-wall and virtual reality climbing.

There will also be a battle beam – a Wipe-Out style activity with a spinning arm that participants have to jump to stay in the game.

The business will create about 45 full and part time jobs as well as up to 20 further seasonal positions.

Former banker Mr Tofts said if the plans were approved the site could open in July.

The business's page on Facebook has had more than 11,000 views.

He said: "People have said 'give us the planning application number because we would like to support this'."

He chose Bicester as the home for Rebound Revolution because of its central location, his family connections with the town and its growth.

Mr Tofts said: "We were looking at four sites – this was the best. The building has been empty for eight months.

"Planning should be through within eight weeks, all being well, and we will be looking at trying to launch the second week of July."

The trampoline park will cater for toddlers through to adults and looks set to run sound and vision activities for children with special needs.

Also included in the plans is fitness classes and a café. Mr Tofts has linked up with Bicester restaurant The Copper Kitchen – run by his brother-in-law – to provide healthy snacks.

Mr Tofts, a former Finmere School pupil, who now lives near Banbury, hopes to attract visitors from across Oxfordshire and as well as Bicester Village shoppers because it is so close to the town centre and Bicester Village Train Station.

So far 25 people have commented on Cherwell's website.

Daryl Williams, of Bicester, said: "This would be a fantastic addition to the amenities of Bicester.

"The town is crying out for additional things for adults and kids alike to do. With the increasing population of Bicester there will be an increased demand for things like this.

"I for one along with my three daughters would certainly use the facility as it would save us having to travel to places such as Swindon and Milton Keynes."

Gill Cross said: "This sounds like a great addition. Despite being a constantly growing town, Bicester is desperately lacking in places for families to go to have active fun together.

"Really looking forward to being able to trampoline in Bicester."

News Bites

Apprentice boost

N OXON: About 100 construction apprenticeships are expected to be secured over the next year.

Cherwell District Council has been working with companies and the Skills Funding Agency to establish a training agency and create roles.

Karen Curtin, Cherwell's commercial director, said: "We will be able to maximise the opportunities created by our relationships with developers for people looking to make their way in the industry."

Clean air fight

N OXON: Cherwell District Council's executive approved the air quality action plan, which recognises the need to prioritise sustainable forms of transport, such as walking and cycling.

Measures are included to tackle four areas of poor air quality.

Jackie Fitzsimons, Cherwell's public protection manager, said: "It is vital we take steps to mitigate the effects of emissions that exceed safe limits."

Kitchen blaze

BICESTER: Firefighters put out a blaze at a kitchen in a Bicester restaurant and helped a staff member who was suffering from smoke inhalation.

The fire service was called to the Denis restaurant, in Sheep Street, last Wednesday afternoon after a commercial fryer caught fire.

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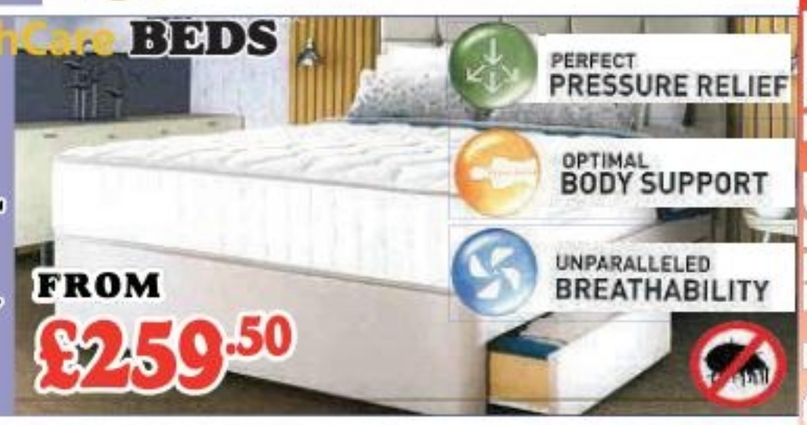

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Fire sends 'large amount of smoke' out over town

By George Welch

FIRE crews battled rush hour traffic and challenging access to extinguish a factory blaze in Banbury.

At around 6.30pm on Tuesday, Thames Valley Fire Control Service received multiple calls about 'large amounts of smoke' bellowing from the vicinity of Morrison's in central Banbury.

Three fire engines were initially despatched but, following repeated calls from the public, two more engines and three specialist units were sent.

The fire service said access to the fire just off Swan Close "proved to be challenging" and vehicles had to negotiate narrow passageways in order to extinguish the blaze.

A total of eight firefighters used two hose reels and a main jet to extinguish the fire that had broken through the roof of the building.

Crew manager Chris Jarvis, incident commander, said: "As we made our way through the traffic and onto the A4260, the large amounts of smoke told us that we faced a quickly developing incident."

Station Manager Mick Clarke, who attended the scene, said: "The factory produced moulded parts using plastic and wax so this gave rise to the large amounts of smoke that could be seen across Banbury during rush hour.

"Some of the materials involved in their processes gave us cause for concern so a Hazardous Materials Advisor and the Environmental Protection Unit were called in.

"We quickly established that there was little risk to the environment and operations were concluded."

An investigation of the fire was carried out by the authorities and the incident is not being treated as suspicious.

Pictures: OFRS

Car 'parks' in factory wall

A BMW was left poking out of a Banbury factory after smashing through its wall.

The white car ploughed into the factory just before 11.50am on Monday and three fire engines from Banbury, Deddington and Oxford raced to the scene near Morrisons in the town centre.

Paramedics and police officers were already on the scene and the driver of the car was being treated by the time fire crews arrived.

Firefighters worked with the police to ensure the scene was safe and no one else was involved in the factory.

Station manager Mark Ames said: "When we arrived, the powerful BMW was embedded in the wall of the factory. Our immediate concerns were for the driver of the car and the workers inside of the factory.

"Once we were assured that everyone was in safe hands we focussed on the stability of the building structure."

List of candidates released for election

ELECTIONS to Oxfordshire County Council are now less than a month away and the list for candidates is out.

All 63 county council seats will be up for election and today is the deadline for registering to vote on May 4.

After the election in 2013, the county council is composed of 31 seats for Conservatives, 15 seats for Labour, 11 for Liberal Democrats, four for Independents, and two seats for Greens.

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Eddie Williams, chair, and Gene Webb, secretary of the Friends of Folly Tower receive a cheque for £500 from Tesco Faringdon store manager Guy Bexon pictured with Tesco Faringdon colleagues, community champion Trevor Nye, services manager Martyn Webb, team support Caroline Hendy, customer assistant Pat Evans and customer assistant produce Wayne Varney. Below, the tower at Folly Hill

Supermarket's folly lolly is jolly welcome

AN iconic folly is to receive a welcome lick of paint and some new decorations after a donation by a supermarket chain.

Faringdon's Tesco store has handed £500 to the charity that runs and maintains the tower on the four acre Folly Hill.

Faringdon Folly Tower Trust visited the store on Park Road to receive the cheque, which will be used to fund the repainting of the tower's Belvedere Room and to buy flowers for the grounds.

Several colleagues from Tesco will also be involved in a spring clean in the woodland surrounding the tower.

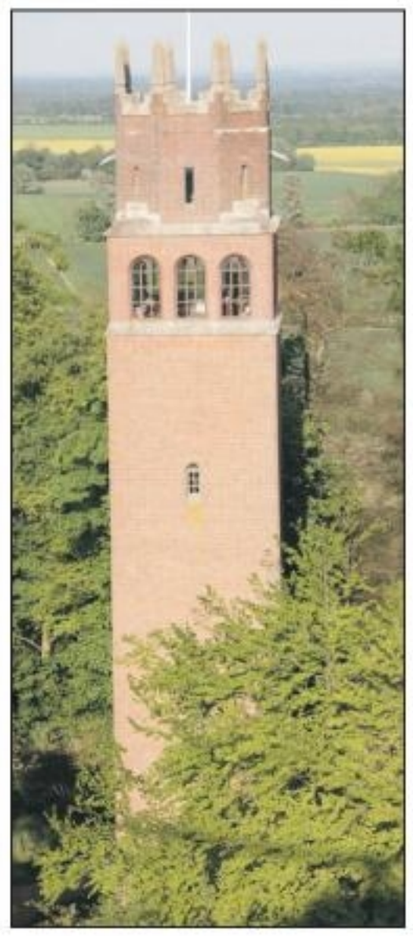
The unique 100ft tower is a Faringdon icon and, according to the trust, has been hailed as Britain's finest 20th century folly tower and one of the most important follies in Britain. It is run by a charity and volunteers and is open from April to October, getting nearly 3,000 visitors each year.

Eddie Williams, chair of the friends of the folly tower, said: "We're delighted to receive this donation from Tesco.

"The folly tower maintains the spirit of the great eccentric, Lord Berners, and the four acres of woodland are the only accessible parkland for people locally to walk in.

"We don't receive any statutory funding so we have to raise money by hiring the rooms and securing grants."

The store is supporting the charity as part of its commitment to help community groups and good causes. It has been coordinated by Trevor Nye.



App will lead cars to parking spaces

By Eva Astreinidou

A HI-TECH 'cutting edge' solution to parking is coming to Oxfordshire.

The county council has announced a new project after being awarded £240,000 to help fund smart interactive technology that will guide vehicles towards available parking.

Called CASPAR (CollAborative Smart PARking project), it will help provide real-time information showing the occupancy of Blue Badge spaces, car parks and some city centre pay and display spaces as well as electric charge points.

The information will most likely be sent to a smartphone app.

This would show users not only where there was a Blue Badge space near their destination, but could reroute them to the next nearest one if that space was taken before they got there.

The council hopes the scheme will help reduce stress for people trying to find somewhere to park as well as reducing congestion.

The app will also help people to look ahead and plan journeys according to where facilities are available.

Llewelyn Morgan, service manager for infrastructure, innovation and development for communities, said: "Oxfordshire County Council is working at the cutting edge of transport at the moment and is helping a range of visions such as driverless cars and intelligent transport smartphone apps get off the ground.

"The way we travel continues to change and technology has a valuable role to play through intelligent transport systems."

A total of £238,928 for the project, which will start in this month, has been awarded from the Department of Transport's cooperative intelligent transport systems fund following a bid submitted by OCC.

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Campaigners send postcard to health secretary: 'No NHS cuts'

By Eva Astreinidou

CAMPAIGNERS gathered in Oxford to protest about the proposals to change local NHS and social care services as a committee met to discuss the ongoing NHS consultation.

The group rallied outside county hall as the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee met on Thursday last week to discuss the issues arising from the consultation.

Oxfordshire's Keep Our NHS Public (KONP) was there to deliver a giant postcard addressed to health secretary Jeremy Hunt demanding 'no NHS cuts'.

The group also called for HOSC not to accept the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group's (OCCG) response on the Phase 1 feedback of the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and West Berkshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan (BOB STP).

KONP's chair, Ken Williamson, said: "In its formal written response OCCG fails to address HOSC's detailed concerns about the impact its proposals will have on the public in Oxfordshire. OCCG also attempts to deflect HOSC's challenges, by focusing on post-consultation actions and weak assurances about the future, further emphasising the absence of a strong case for its proposals.

"In view of the flawed response from OCCG, we call on HOSC to refer the consultation to the Secretary of State for Health."

On March 9, Mr Williamson released a report that examined the pre-consultation business case.

It read: "This split consultation, itself only one third of the BOB STP, is flawed from the outset. The current consultation (Phase 1) is based on a 'Pre-consultation Business Case' that we find unconvincing. We expose its assumptions, lack of clarity, lack of sound evidence, and absence of financial detail."

The report adds that with current difficulties around recruiting and retaining staff in health services, the CCG's aim to have new levels of staff including physicians, assistants and nurse practitioners will increase costs and reduce easy access to services.

The report states that agreeing to proposals without the full picture is 'ludicrous' and adds: "[It is] like agreeing to the roof of a building without knowing anything about the walls (or indeed if there was to be any money for walls).

"The CCG should assess the impact of financial pressures on Social Care in Oxfordshire. Meanwhile, the Phase 1 consultation should be halted until such time as an assessment has been carried out and published and the holes in the programme have been filled in.

"Phase 1 of the Oxfordshire Transformation Programme will deliver only cuts and confusion for the people of Oxfordshire. We deserve better."

A spokeswoman from CCG said: "The proposals that were being consulted on in the first phase are those that need to be resolved quickly to ensure safe and high quality services for patients.

"The Oxfordshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) advised it wished us to proceed to consult on proposals where temporary changes were in place, for example the temporary closure of the Obstetrics Unit at the Horton General and the temporary closure of some acute hospital beds across the county.

"Work has already started on Phase 2 of the Transformation and the public, patients, clinicians and other stakeholders will have opportunities over the summer to help the CCG as it develops the shortlist of options for other health services, before launching the next stage of the public consultation."

The decision on the first phase will be made in July.

The protesters with their postcard to Jeremy Hunt at county hall in Oxford

Life-saving tips on offer as you shop

VOLUNTEERS from a first aid charity are offering shoppers a chance to pick up life-saving skills while they pick up their groceries.

A team of St John Ambulance volunteers will hold first aid demonstrations as part of a recruitment and fundraising event in Kidlington on April 22.

The volunteers will set up a pop-up stand outside Barclays on the High Street from 9am until 4pm, to show shoppers how to perform CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), and other key first aid skills.

The aim of the event is to give local residents insight into the volunteers' work and encourage local adults and youngsters from the area to consider joining.

A fundraising 'Flag Day' will also be held, with all proceeds going towards providing training and equipment for volunteer first aiders who regularly offer life saving support at local events in the community.

Kidlington volunteer and Unit President, Clare Phillips, said: "People will get the chance to watch and take part in first aid demonstrations, so you can pick up some life saving knowledge as well as your groceries."

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£135k boost for health and fitness expansion

A HEALTH and fitness centre has had a £135,000 revamp.

A 3,000 sq ft extension has been built at Wantage-based Health & Fitness to house new studios, increase classes and improve facilities and equipment.

It has also created three new jobs at the gym at Grove Business Park.

Lisa Auchinvole, director of the centre's owners Paladin Leisure Ltd, said: "The population of the area has been expanding rapidly with housing for around 5,000 people currently under development, so we think now is a great time to expand.

"The funding has allowed us to add a mezzanine floor to the building, which has created two new fitness studios and an overhaul of floor space downstairs to modernise the equipment and our exercise options."

Kevin Farrell, of Santander Corporate & Commercial, said: "We discussed financing at an early stage with Lisa and the team at Paladin and worked together to shape an appropriate funding structure.

"They have a clear and compelling growth-focused business case."

'Harry' the driverless car is given testing time in capital

By Eva Astreinidou

AUTOMATED cars are no longer a futuristic fantasy.

A company that produces vehicles containing no steering wheel or typical driver controls is raring to go with its new project.

Oxfordshire-based Oxbotica is conducting research into driverless vehicles.

It tested its prototype 'Harry' in London on April 5, to see how it handled a busy city environment.

The latest phase of the company's GATEway Project (Greenwich Automated Transport Environment) aims to optimise mobility using automation.

A prototype shuttle began a driverless navigation of a 2km route – with passengers on board – around the Greenwich peninsula, using sensors and autonomy software to detect and avoid obstacles.

The first trial explored people's acceptance and feelings towards riding in automated vehicles.

Research findings could lead to a wider roll-out of automated vehicle technology, which could include cars, lorries and buses.

Chris Swetenham, Caterina Linegar, Graeme Smith, Marina Magnabosco from Oxbotica

Dr Graeme Smith, CEO of Oxbotica, said: "We are excited to be finally moving into public trials and demonstrations of our autonomy software in this unique vehicle.

"Greenwich is an ideal focus for these trials in pedestrianised environments and we hope to learn tremendously from how vehicles interact with pedestrians and cyclists."

Professor Nick Reed, academy director at Transport Research Laboratory, said: "This research is another milestone in the UK's journey towards driverless vehicles and a vital step towards delivering safer, cleaner and more effective transport in our cities.

"It is critical that the public are fully involved as these technologies become a reality.

"The GATEway Project is enabling us to discover how potential users of automated vehicles respond to them so that the anticipated benefits to mobility can be maximised.

"We see automated vehicles as a practical solution to delivering safe, clean, accessible and affordable last-mile mobility."

Over an eight-hour period of operation, a GATEway shuttle will collect a massive four terabytes of data – equivalent to 2,000 hours of film.

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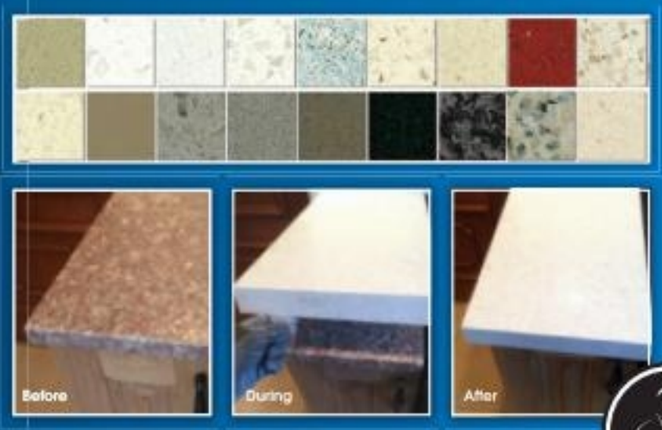

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GRADUATES have the opportunity to become the next generation of child and family social workers and make a 'real difference' to people's lives.

A national 14-month fast-track programme called 'Step Up to Social Work' will combine university training with on-the-job experience in a local authority social work team. Oxfordshire candidates can apply by May 5.

Successful candidates will be awarded a post-graduate diploma in social work when they graduate, allowing them to practice.

The Government has set out its aim to make social work a desirable career, investing more than £800 million in training and improvement schemes, including teaching partnerships, bursaries and fast-track programmes.

Oxfordshire County Council's principal social worker Shaun Hanks said: "I'd really encourage anyone who thinks social work might be the career for them to look into this scheme and consider making an application.

"We'd very much welcome local applicants to do their training in Oxfordshire."

Broomstick battlers hope to sweep away the competition

Oxford University's first team, the Radcliffe Chimeras, in action against Exeter Picture: Rowena Haigh

By George Welch

THEY fly through the air with the greatest of ease – and now the country's quidditch stars are coming to Oxford.

Ten teams of players will be chasing the 'quaffle' in a tournament inspired by the fictional Hogwarts School sport in the Harry Potter series.

Following the success of the British Quidditch Cup, held near Stafford last month, the game's governing body is preparing for the Quidditch Development Cup at Horspath Sports Ground on April 22 and 23.

Although Oxford doesn't have a team in the competition it will welcome sides from all over the country.

President of QuidditchUK, Mel Piper, said: "This tournament is testament to the rapid growth and expansion of the sport within the UK.

"While this may be for developing teams the competition will still be high with the cup being wide open.

"Any of the teams could go home with the trophy."

A quidditch team consists of 21 athletes with seven players per team on the field at any one time. Each player has a broomstick between their legs.

The four maximum rule of quidditch states that at most there can be four players of the same gender on pitch at one time to ensure the game is mixed gender and inclusive to all.

Players can be one of four positions – the keepers, chasers, beaters and seekers.

The quaffle is a semi-deflated volleyball thrown through hoops by chasers and keepers while the bludgers are dodgeballs thrown at other players by beaters.

Meanwhile, the snitch is a sock with a tennis ball in it, attached to the snitch runner's shorts.

When caught by either team's seeker, the game ends.

The UK is a member of the International Quidditch Association and Team UK came third in last year's Quidditch World Cup. Australia took top place.

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New ways to pay for parking

CAR parks across North Oxfordshire are set to get an upgrade in equipment giving motorists more ways to pay.

Cherwell District Council's executive has agreed proposals to outsource the running of its car parks.

The council will retain control of setting tariffs, a report said, but the day-to-day running will be done by another organisation.

As part of the contract, car parks will be upgraded with modern ticket machines and parking control equipment will be installed.

Machines will be able to take debit or credit cards using chip and pin, contactless and new technology such as Apple Pay, which means payment can be taken from customers' phone apps.

In addition, customers will still be able to access a 'pay by phone service' and pay online, as well as extend their parking time without returning to the car park.

Ian Davies, Cherwell's interim chief executive said, said: "Parking is central to the success and growth of our town centres and to that end we want to ensure that the services we offer are customer friendly, flexible and simple to use."

Politicians unite with Horton letter protest

By Samantha McGregor

NORTH Oxfordshire politicians have sent a clear message to the health authority over its "ill thought-out plans" for the Horton.

In a strongly worded letter, Oxfordshire County Council chairman Michael Waine spelled out the council's opposition to downgrading services at the Banbury hospital.

Proposals include reducing the number of inpatient beds, and creating a central stroke unit in Oxford and a permanent midwife-led unit at Banbury's Horton Hospital.

Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group launched a major consultation in January.

North Oxfordshire MP Victoria Prentis labelled it "fatally flawed" and has submitted a "lengthy" document opposing the plans.

Cherwell District Council has launched a legal challenge at the High Court claiming the consultation process is "confusing and flawed".

Cllr Keiron Mallon said: "If we do not send a clear message to the CCG and Oxford NHS Trust pointing out the flawed two-part consultation, the domino effect and increased pressure the proposals would have on the whole of Oxfordshire and the residents who we represent, we will be doing the whole of Oxfordshire a disservice."

The Horton Hospital at Banbury and, inset, Cllr Keiron Mallon

In his letter, backed by all political parties, Cllr Waine said: "Members felt these proposals lacked transparency.

"They felt that the consultation does not make clear the impact on social care and there is a lack of modelling to accurately assess this.

"It should not be assumed that county council services will be able to absorb the impact of the changes on social care."

He said councillors were "frustrated" at the lack of alternative options and felt the consultation "implies a fait accompli".

He added: "It is also unacceptable to expect proposals for substantial bed closures to be agreed without any detail about proposals for the future of services in the community."

MP Mrs Prentis said: "The past 12 weeks have been an unhappy and confusing time for all of us in North Oxfordshire.

"This submission is a culmination of my own view of the proposals and, I hope, adequately sums up the thoughts of the hundreds of constituents who have contacted me."

A second consultation is expected later this year.

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Park go-ahead

BICESTER: A new business park, car parking and 149-bedroom hotel can go ahead.

Plans to build Bicester Gateway, on Promised Land Farm, off Oxford Road, were submitted by developer Bloombridge LLP.

The site, near the Vendee Drive roundabout, is a 3.8-hectare triangular-shaped piece of land. A second application will be submitted at a later date for more business units to complete the park.

Voting deadline

N OXON: Residents are being warned the deadline for registering to vote in May 4's election is today.

Paul Sutton, electoral registration officer for South Northants and Cherwell, said: "We've sent polling cards to everyone who we believe is eligible to vote."

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Town egg hunt

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Student's film helps raise awareness of Alzheimers

By George Welch

Work during the filming of For The Love of Fred. Picture: Min Reid

AN Oxford Brookes student has joined forces with a filmmaker and east Oxford residents to make a film based on the devastating loss of Alzheimer's disease.

Third year film studies student Jenny Birtles has collaborated with local filmmaker Min Reid to work on For the Love of Fred, which not only raises awareness of dementia but focuses on the long and lonely path taken by loved ones.

For Jenny, working with the film crew was an exciting opportunity to gain valuable experience to help springboard her into the professional world.

She said: "I loved every minute of working on this film.

"It was such a brilliant and rewarding experience to put practices learnt at Brookes into a real film, starting in pre-production and being involved in the process all the way through to observing the editing process."

Director and producer Min, co-founder of Oxford-based production house Reid Richards Productions, said: "As a caregiver myself, I appreciate the tremendous strain this puts on people, especially if the caregiver doesn't have a family or backup to take a break or have anyone to talk to about what they're going through."

Oxford Brookes' Headington Hill Hall on the Headington Campus provided the backdrop for much of the film and local residents' association Divinity Road Area Residents' Association (DRARA) took part as extras.

Although For the Love of Fredis still in production, filmmakers have also produced a supporting music video titled Red, which will have its premier at the Oxford International Film Festival at the Phoenix Picture House on May 6.

Red, which was also shot at Headington Hill Hall, raises awareness of Alzheimer's and acts as a trailer for For the Love of Fred, which will be released on World Alzheimer's Day.

Gnashers to ashes – OAP grills teeth

AN elderly man claimed almost £1,000 from an insurance firm after he accidently melted his false teeth.

The 84-year-old man from Oxford put his gnashers on the cooker and they slipped under the grill and melted.

Luckily, insurers Ageas put a smile back on his face and replaced them, as the dentures cost £945.

Ageas revealed the unfortunate mishap as it unveiled its top 10 strangest home insurance claims in 2016.

Other cases included a herd of cows that escaped from a north Wales farm before gathering in a man's garden, causing £7,500 worth of damage.

Another bizarre claim was a £1,386 bill to some unhappy Bristol parents after their children got hold of nappy cream and rubbed it into the front room carpet and sofa.

In another case, an iPad was left on a chopping board in Rochester during a meal. The sink was later filled with water and the iPad received a soaking along with the dishes.

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The school was founded in 1617 by Thomas Saunders for 12 worthy boys at a time when education for the poor did not exist.

The building became the village museum in 1984 and this year celebrates 400 years.

The museum is run entirely by volunteers who plan the exhibitions each year, care for the collection and organise a rota to open the museum from Easter until the end of October.

The museum, in Broad Street, continues to record the changes in village life in Uffington with nearly half the collection consisting of photographs and articles from the late 1800s to the present day.

This year's exhibition tells the story from Thomas Saunders through to the present day primary school.

The museum is open 2pm to 5pm every Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays from tomorrow until October 29 and entry is free.

Student stars in own costume drama on set of a BBC comedy

By George Welch

A RECENT stint on a TV show gave a costume degree student from Carterton a unique insight into the industry – and she even got to meet a Harry Potter star.

Alys Church, who is in her final year at Cleveland College of Art and Design, spent a week helping out on the production of a BBC comedy programme.

The 21-year-old was on wardrobe duty for the filming of the second series of BBC One's Hospital People at the University Hospital of Hartlepool.

Alys, who is currently living in Hartlepool during her studies, said that despite the long days – including one 13-hour shift – it was "an amazing experience".

She said: "The highlight for me was definitely being able to sit on set and see all of the elements involved.

"I was there the first night they arrived with all of their costumes so I helped them set up.

"We then worked to organise the wardrobe for both the main cast and the supporting actors on the first couple of days. During filming we worked to prep actors' trailers with their costumes and collect them at the end of the day.

"I did some alterations work for a particularly petite member of the cast and even got the opportunity to shadow one of the costume staff on set to see how the whole thing worked behind camera."

The final year student, who is currently working on the last major project and preparing for the degree show at the university-level campus, said she gained invaluable experience working with the wardrobe artists and even met a star or two.

Alys added: "I cleared the trailer of Mark Williams who plays Arthur Weasley in the Harry Potter films, as he was packing up for the day.

"Initially I recognised him but couldn't place who he was or how I knew him.

"He was very friendly and polite."

Alys Church, above, and the cast of BBC comedy Hospital People, left

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You can chat to current volunteers to find out more about what volunteering is really like, and visit different areas of the property to discover more about the wide range of roles you could be involved with.

Volunteers and staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have and chat through all the different forms volunteering can take at Upton.

You'll then be able to set the wheels in motion by applying for any roles that take your interest.

It's a very exciting time to join the Upton team following the launch of our new project 'Made to Measure Home' last month.

Upton has over 300 volunteers and we asked what advice they would give to people considering volunteering:

For Ann Marie who volunteers as a catering host and a house host, it comes highly recommended: "For anyone thinking of volunteering at Upton I would say – give it a go, you won't regret it, you'll meet new people, make new friends and feel appreciated."

All sorts of roles are available, from helping out in the garden to being a room guide or running our social media accounts – if you have special skills you wish to use just let them know and they'll see what you can do.

The drop-in days will take place on Wednesday 19 and Saturday 22 April from 12pm to 4pm.

All are welcome and no experience is necessary.

For more information about Upton House and Gardens visit their website at nationaltrust.org.uk/upton-house-and-gardens

Retailers join up to beat shoplifting

RETAILERS in Thame have joined a national scheme to help reduce shop lifting.

The Shop Watch scheme is a joint initiative between shops in the town and the police.

Shops who sign up to the initiative get a radio and can communicate with each other if they see offenders moving between stores.

The police also monitor the radio and can help if required.

There will also be a list of people, who if banned from one shop, will be banned from all those in the scheme.

Police community support officer James Hopkin, based in Thame, said: "The stores that have signed up will be receiving a radio which will be linked to each other and the force itself.

"This will enable faster and better communication between the shops.

"The purpose of Shop Watch is to enable instant communication between retailers.

"An example of when Shop Watch would show its full potential would be if a group were trying to spend counterfeit currency in one store, they could contact any other stores in the Shop Watch to make them aware.

"Secondly there will also be a scheme similar to Pub Watch, where a person banned from one shop will be banned from all.

"This will cover any offence they have committed and hopefully reduce the number of issues in the town."

Shops taking part in the initiative will put stickers in their windows.

For more information email the Neighbourhood Team on thamewatlingtonchinnorNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

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Quad accident

N OXON: A man in his 20s, who was riding a quad bike, is in a critical condition in hospital after he was involved in a collision.

Police are appealing for witnesses after the incident on Monday, April 3, which involved just one vehicle on the A4095, Chesterton, between Chesterton and Kirtlington, between about 7.30pm and 7.45pm.

Anyone who saw the collision or a red quad bike being driven in the area prior to the incident should contact PC Graham Holt, of Bicester Roads Policing, on 101, quoting incident reference 1440 of 3 April 2017, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

New chief officer

BICESTER: Samantha Shippen has taken on the role of chief officer at Bicester Town Council. The move comes after former chief officer Sue Mackrell, who had worked at the council, based in Garth Park, since 2004, stepped aside.

Ms Shippen has worked in local government positions for the past 30 years.

Big lunch date

BICESTER: The date has been set for this year's Bicester Big Lunch – Sunday, June 4.

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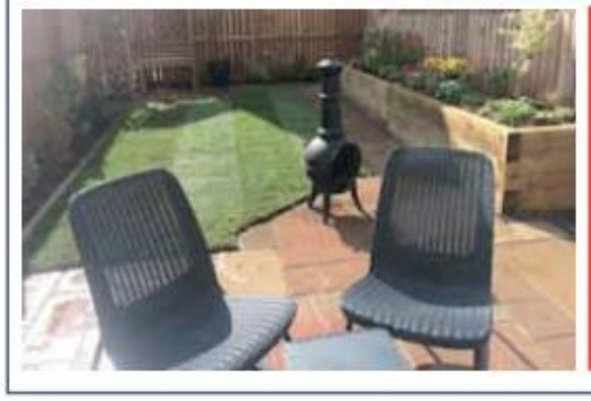

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Closing date: Friday, May 19.

Saturday 26th sees Major Lazer, Korn, Flume, Oxford's own Glass Animals, Andy C, While She Sleeps and Black Lips covering all the bases ahead of Eminem's unmissable headline show.

And before Muse take over the main stage on Sunday 27th August, fans can take in the return of the mighty Liam Gallagher, Blossoms, Giggs, Haim, Wiley, Marshmello, The Hunna and Ash across the various stages.

In fact almost 200 acts have been announced so far, with more to come including the BBC Introducing and Alternative stages for the best in comedy and up and coming acts. There really is something for every music fan to make Reading 2017 an unforgettable weekend with your mates.

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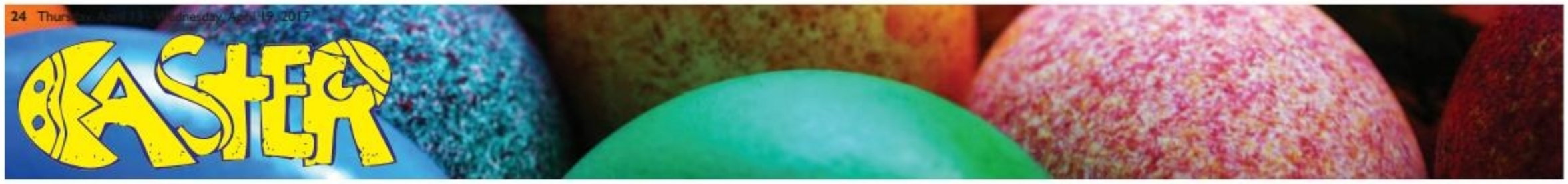

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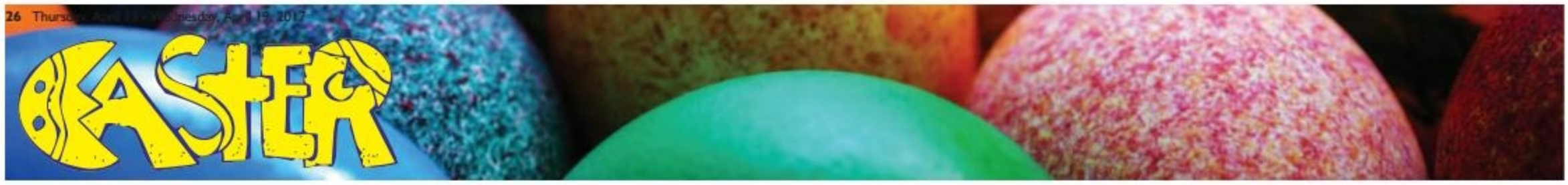

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Visitors can watch science being brought to life in a 25 minute Sublime Science Show, from Monday 10 – Thursday 13 April & Tuesday 18 – Friday 21 April, at 11am, 12pm, 2pm & 3pm. These shows are full of cool interactive demonstrations and hands on activities where visitors will get the chance to make smoke rings, bubbles and slime! Also on these dates is 'Technic Challenge', a drop-in activity (10am to 3pm) where children can get hands-on and design, build and test their own LEGO® Technic machines. They can then race them along the 'Track' with the fastest car of the day winning the title 'Champion Designer' as well as a small prize.

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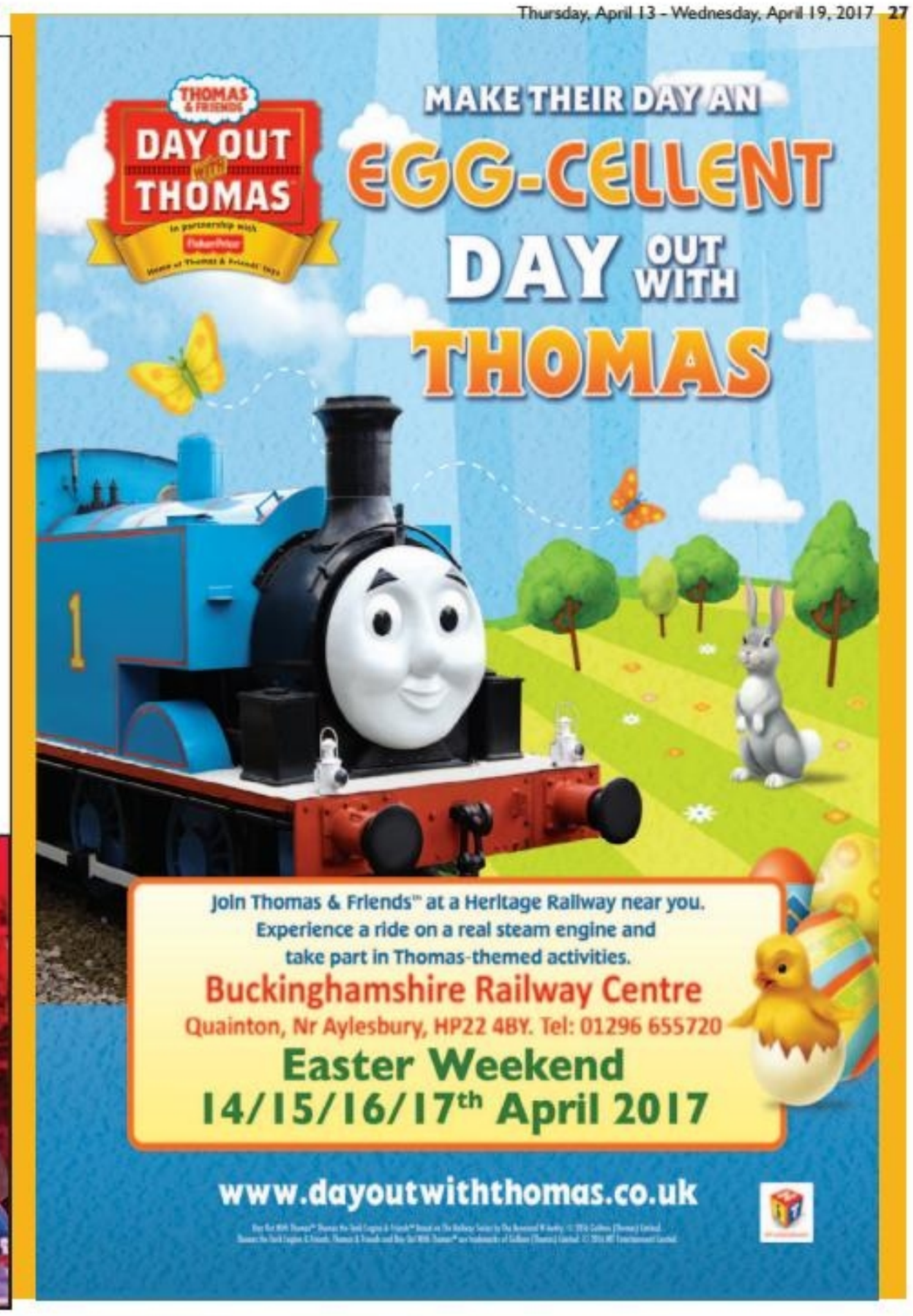
Easter wouldn't be Easter without a traditional Easter Egg hunt! Visitors can help Shaun the Sheep and his flock find the eggs hidden around the Museum. For those who like a crafty activity they can have a go at 'hatching your own car!'. These activities are only available over the Easter Weekend from 14 – 17 April.

Easter visitors can also enter the Museum's Shaun the Sheep Selfie competition, simply take a selfie in the Museum wearing a Shaun the Sheep headband to be in with a chance of winning Aardman's brand new Shaun the Sheep DVD, 'Spoilsport'. This new DVD, on sale from 10 April, offers even more outrageous inventiveness, sheepish shenanigans and panic in the pasture. Don't miss your appointment for more fun with Shaun the Sheep.

Emma Rawlinson, Life Long Learning Officer for the British Motor Museum stated "With a whole host of family friendly activities including shows, trails and egg hunt, we have plenty on offer this Easter to keep everyone entertained whatever the weather!"

All activities are included in the Museum admission price and no pre-booking is required. During busy periods, however, all activities will be on a timed ticket basis and subject to availability, as places are limited. To avoid disappointment please check on arrival. Online Museum tickets are now available, see website for full details. For more information about Easter activities please visit www.britishmotormusuem.co.uk or call 01926 641188.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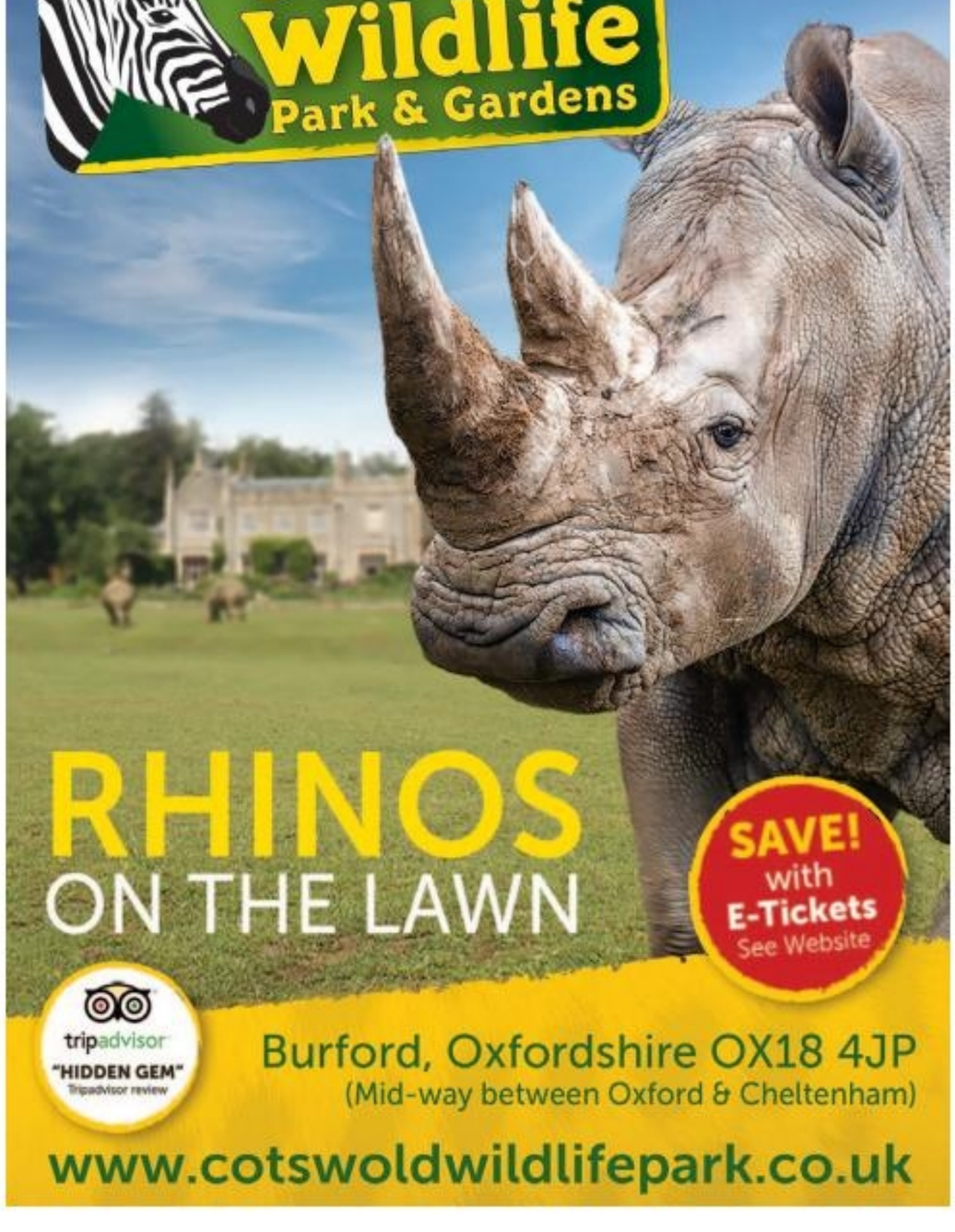

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Quick Clues Across

1 Suffocate (7)
5 Turkish official (5)
8 Shortly (4)
9 American game (8)
10 Large character (7,6)
13 Half (4)
14 Ponder (4)
17 Cameramen (13)
19 Ambitious person (8)
20 Lend (4)
21 Aspects (5)
22 Speak to (7)

Quick Clues Down

2 Lunatic (6)
3 Can be stretched (7)
4 Including (9)
5 Fragment (5)
6 US west coast port (7)
7 Enticed (7)
11 Thrashed (9)
12 Revokes (7)
13 Bent forward (7)
15 Learned person (7)
16 Reveries (6)
18 Man-eating monsters (5)

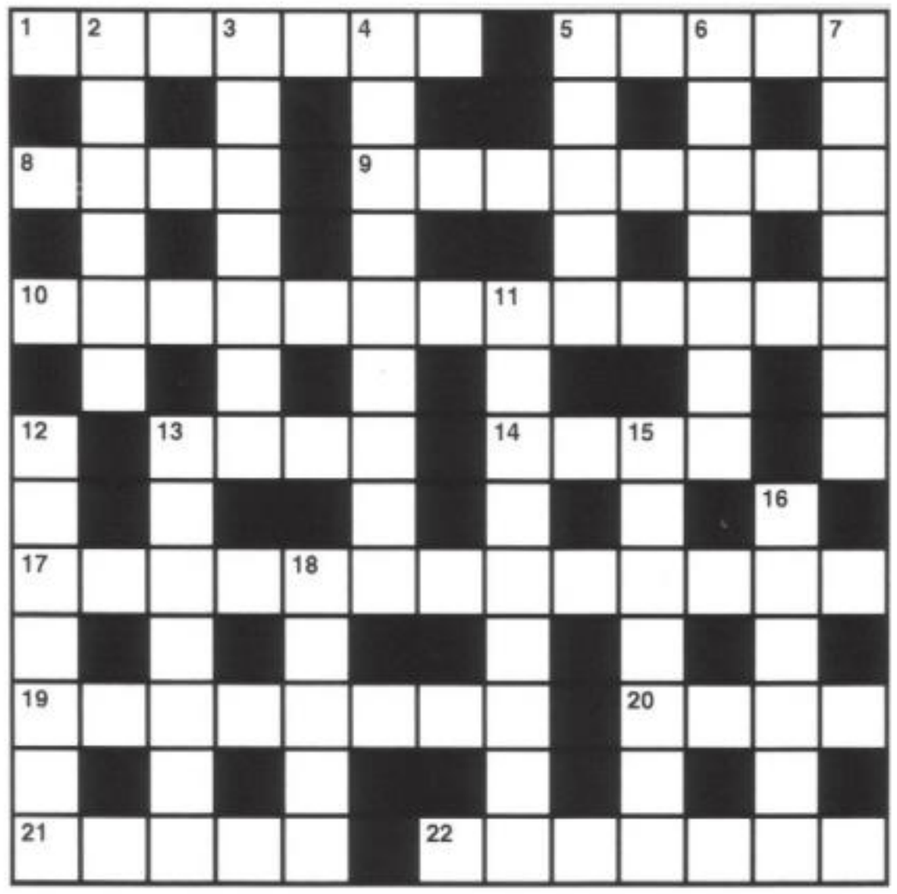
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Are in a cosy place, as close as possible (7)
5 Pipes that begin with a bath (5)
8 Spirit shown after biting the dust (4)
9 Cured by taking half the medicine in a pipe (8)
10 Can Latin start on the other side of the ocean? (13)
13 An insular jumble of lies (4)
14 Piano teacher hides part of the keyboard (4)
17 Lists the Italian river on nearly full measure (13)
19 Little scientist, to right the wrong, should find food
20 Grope for the sole prize? (4)
21 Unhappily put the slogan in a cunning framework (5)
22 Take less; it isn't worth much (7)

Cryptic Clues Down

2 Goes the wrong way round or makes mistakes (6)
3 Circles round at grades (7)
4 Rare stems for flags (9)
5 At the different Greek character (5)
6 A bit of a brush with a broken blister (7)
7 Cocktail on a motor bike? (7)
11 Dons enrol for the capital life in England (9)
12 Swears at trials (7)
13 I note well that the road is badly made for the engine (9)
15 Though out of order, the lute with fun can be melodious (7)
16 Gives oath that heals round head of sore (6)
18 All for oriental warning light (5)



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		8	6			1		5
9			8		2	7		
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This week's solutions

2	7	6	4	5	9	1	3	8
8	3	4	6	7	1	5	2	9
1	5	9	2	8	7	3	4	6
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4	9	2	5	7	3	8	1	6
1	8	5	4	6	9	2	7	3

Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Smother 5 Pasha 8 Anon 9 Baseball 10 Capital letter 13 Semi 14 Muse 17 Photographers 19 Aspirant 20 Loan 21 Sides 22 Address

Down: 2 Maniac 3 Tensile 4 Embracing 5 Piece 6 Seattle 7 Allured 11 Lambasted 12 Repeals 13 Stooped 15 Scholar 16 Dreams 18 Ogres

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Nearest 5 Tubes 8 Gnr 9 Remedied 10 Transatlantic 13 Isle 14 Note 17 Tablespoonful 19 Scavenge 20 Fish 21 Sadly 22 Useless

Down: 2 Errors 3 Ratings 4 Streamers 5 Theta 6 Bristle 7 Sidecar 11 Londoners 12 Attests 13 Inboard 15 Tuneful 16 Curses 18 Every

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6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites** (S)(R) **12.00 Football Focus** (S) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Live Snooker: The World Championship** (S) **4.30 Final Score** A round-up of this afternoon's football results. (S) **5.30 Who Dares Wins** (S) **6.10 BBC News** (S) **6.20 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.30 Pointless Celebrities** (S)

7

7.20 Doctor Who New series. The Time Lord meets a girl with a star in her eye. (S)

8

8.10 Casualty A man places his own wife in danger as he seeks to bring justice to a bullying boss. (S)

9

9.00 All Round to Mrs Brown's Sue Perkins, Emilia Fox, and Ashley Banjo and his mother Danielle join Agnes Brown in her studio-home for a chat. Includes music by Aston Merrygold. (S)

10

10.00 BBC News; Weather (S)
10.20 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, which include Southampton v Manchester City. (S)

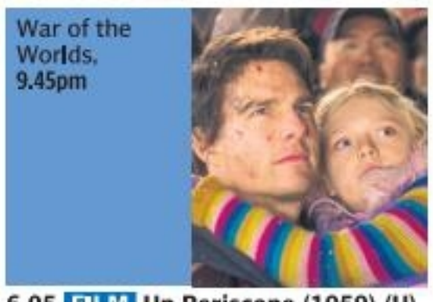
11

11.45 FILM Rescue Dawn (2006) (12) Werner Herzog's Vietnam War drama, starring Christian Bale and Steve Zahn. (S)

AFTER 12

1.45 Weather for the Week Ahead (S)
1.50 BBC News (S)

BBC2



6.05 FILM Up Periscope (1959) (U) (S) **7.55 FILM The Heroes of Telemark (1965) (PG)** (S) **10.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship** (S) **12.00 Track Cycling World Championships** (S) **3.30 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **4.30 Live Snooker: The World Championship** (S) **5.30 Nature's Weirdest Events** (S)(R) **5.45 Easter from King's 2017** (S)

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship The concluding session on the opening day at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. (S)

8.00 Grand Tours of Scotland (S)
8.30 Dad's Army Mainwaring and Wilson are trapped in the bank vault with an unexploded bomb. (S)(R)

9.00 QI XL With panellists Noel Fielding, Rhod Gilbert and Cariad Lloyd. (S)
9.45 FILM War of the Worlds (2005) (12) Steven Spielberg's sci-fi thriller, with Tom Cruise. (S)

11.35 Snooker: The World Championship Highlights of the opening day from Sheffield. (S)

12.25 Snooker: World Championship Extra (S) **2.25** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

9.30 Weekend (S) **10.25 James Martin's French Adventure** (S)(R) **11.25 ITV News;** Weather (S) **11.35 FILM The Flintstones (1994) (U)** (S) **1.20 FILM The Secret of My Success (1987) (PG)** (S) **3.30 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **4.30 Fantastic Beasts and JK Rowling's Wizarding World** (S)(R) **5.30 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **5.45 ITV News** (S) **6.00 Operation Magic** (S)

7.00 Take Me Out New series. A model, a circus performer, a football coach and a salesman try to get the female participants to keep their lights on. (S)

8.00 Britain's Got Talent New series. The nationwide talent search returns for an 11th series. (S)

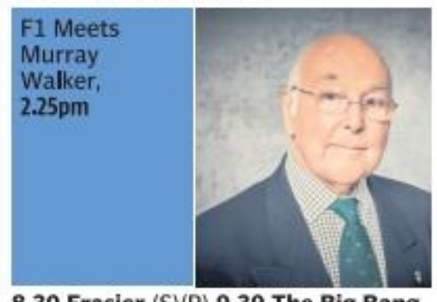
9.25 FILM The Expendables (2010) (15) Action thriller, directed by and starring Sylvester Stallone. With Jason Statham and Jet Li. (S)

10.25 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.40 FILM The Expendables (2010) (15) Continued. (S)

11.40 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S)(R)

12.30 Jackpot247 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen**

Channel 4



8.30 Frasier (S)(R) **9.30 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **10.55 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.20 Extreme Food** (S) **12.55 Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix Practice 3 Live** (S) **2.25 F1 Meets Murray Walker** (S) **2.55 Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix Qualifying Live** (S) **5.30 Travel Man: 48 Hours in Naples** (S)(R) **6.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.30 FILM The Book Thief (2013) (12)** (S)

9.00 FILM The Imitation Game (2014) (12) Biopic of Alan Turing. Starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Keira Knightley. (S)

11.15 FILM Solomon Kane (2010) (15) Fantasy thriller, with James Purefoy and Pete Postlethwaite. (S)

1.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) **1.55** Hollyoaks (S)(R) **4.00** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R) **4.50** Four in a Bed (S)(R) **5.15** Location, Location, Location (S)(R)

Channel 5

9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.30 Football on 5: The Championship** (S)(R) **11.15 Football on 5: Goal Rush** (S)(R) **11.40 Police Interceptors Unleashed** (S)(R) **12.10 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **1.10 Bargain Bride on Benefits** (S)(R) **2.10 On Benefits: Life on the Dole** (S)(R) **4.15 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords** (S)(R) **5.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (S)(R)

7.10 NCIS: Los Angeles Part two of two. Kensi goes in search of her father's killer. (S)

8.00 NCIS Gibbs' surgeon Dr Cyril Taft helps the team investigate a raid on a naval base. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Most Shocking Celebrity Moments: The 00s A trawl of memorable incidents, caught on camera, beginning with a look back at the noughties. (S)(R)

11.55 Access Showbiz news and gossip.

12.00 SuperCasino 3.10 FILM Knock Off (1998) (18) Action thriller, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme. (S) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 The Hot Desk: Vicky Pattison **6.10** Emmerdale **8.35** Coronation Street **11.05** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **12.35** Britain's Got Talent: Top 10 Daredevils **1.40** Grease: Live **4.40** FILM: Happy Feet (2006) (U) **5.40** FYI Daily **5.45** FILM: Happy Feet (2006) (U) **6.45** FILM: Bean (1997) (PG) **7.45** FYI Daily **7.50** FILM: Bean (1997) (PG) Concluded. **8.30** Scorpion **9.25** Britain's Got More Talent **10.30** Celebrity Juice **11.20** Family Guy **12.45** American Dad! **1.45** Through the Keyhole **2.35** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 You're Only Young Twice **6.50** On the Buses **7.20** FILM: Carry On Screaming (1966) (PG) **8.20** FYI Daily **8.25** FILM: Carry On Screaming (1966) (PG) **9.20** FILM: Carry On Cowboy (1966) (U) **10.20** FYI Daily **10.25** FILM: Carry On Cowboy (1966) (U) **11.30** FILM: Holiday on the Buses (1973) (PG) **12.30** FYI Daily **12.35** FILM: Holiday on the Buses (1973) (PG) **1.15** FILM: Carry On Abroad (1972) (PG) **2.15** FYI Daily **2.20** FILM: Carry On Abroad (1972) (PG) **3.05** FILM: Carry On Doctor (1967) (PG) **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10** FILM: Carry On Doctor (1967) (PG) **5.05** FILM: Carry On Behind (1975) (PG) **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10** FILM: Carry On Behind (1975) (PG) **7.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Lewis **1.00** Wycliffe **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Silk Road **8.00** Tankies: Tank Heroes of WWII **9.00** FILM: Department Q: The Absent One (2014) (18) Premiere. Crime thriller, starring Nikolaj Lie Kaas. **10.55** Top of the Pops: 1983 **12.05** Chas & Dave: Last Orders **1.05** London Songs at the BBC **2.05** Squeeze: Take Me I'm Yours **3.05** Sounds of the Eighties **3.35** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **6.15** How I Met Your Mother **7.00** Black-ish **7.30** The Goldbergs **9.00** Made in Chelsea **10.00** Melissa & Joey **12.30** The Goldbergs **3.00** FILM: Evolution (2001) (PG) Sci-fi comedy, starring David Duchovny. **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Taken 2 (2012) (12) Action thriller sequel, starring Liam Neeson. **10.50** Gogglebox **12.50** Celebrity First Dates **1.50** Naked Attraction **2.50** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.35** Gogglebox **4.25** How I Met Your Mother

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Homes by the Sea **9.55** Location, Location, Location **11.00** Coast vs Country **12.00** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Shakespeare's Tomb **9.00** It Was Alright in the 1960s **10.05** It Was Alright in the 1980s **11.10** The World's Greatest Spy Movies **12.50** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.50** Father Ted **2.55** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.40** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Diary of a Wimpy Kid (2010) (PG) **1.00** Home Alone (1990) (PG) **3.10** Stuart Little (1999) (U) **4.50** Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) (U) Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of John Leguizamo. **6.45** The River Wild (1994) (12) Action thriller, starring Meryl Streep. **9.00** X-Men: First Class (2011) (12) Superhero adventure prequel, with James McAvoy and Michael Fassbender. **11.35** The Windmill Massacre (2016) (18) Premiere. Horror, starring Charlotte Beaumont. **1.15** Resident Evil: Apocalypse (2004) (15) **3.25** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.00 Red Bull Soapbox: Mumbai **7.50** Red Bull Soapbox Race **9.20** Top Gear **11.00** Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit **1.00** Top Gear Botswana Special **2.00** Top Gear USA Special **3.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **4.00** Gavin & Stacey **6.00** Top Gear India Special **8.00** Top Gear USA Special **9.00** FILM: RocknRolla (2008) (15) Premiere. Crime comedy, starring Gerard Butler. **11.10** Live at the Apollo **12.10** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **1.10** QI XL **2.10** Room 101 **2.50** Suits **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Birds of a Feather **7.45** Call the Midwife **3.40** Call the Midwife: Christmas Special 2013 **5.20** Call the Midwife **8.00** Mapp and Lucia **9.20** Jonathan Creek **2.00** Mapp and Lucia **3.10** The Agatha Christie Hour **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Wild Things **6.55** Hawaii Five-0 **7.45** Football's Funniest Moments **8.15** Game Changers **8.45** The Fantasy Football Club **9.45** Soccer AM **11.30** Live Premier League. **12.30** The F1 Show **1.00** FILM: Stargate – Ark of Truth (2008) (12) **3.00** Gillette Soccer Saturday **5.15** Football Gold **5.30** MacGyver **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Modern Family **9.00** FILM: The Hunt for Red October (1990) (PG) Cold War thriller, starring Sean Connery. **11.40** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.35** A League of Their Own **1.35** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **2.30** Revolution **3.30** Arrow **4.30** Monkey Life

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Fish Town **9.00** The West Wing **2.00** Cold Case **4.00** House **6.00** FILM: The Fall: Decker vs Budd (201 Documentary exploring Zola Budd and Mary Decker's race at the 1984 Olympics. **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.10** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **11.45** Real Time with Bill Maher **12.55** FILM: Everything Is Copy (2015) **2.35** Banshee **3.40** Silicon Valley **4.15** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.10 Crisis **6.55** Bondi Rescue **7.25** The Bill **11.35** EastEnders **2.10** Mr Stink **3.30** Billionaire Boy **4.50** FILM: Spy Kids (2001) (U) **6.40** Outnumbered **8.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with Ken Loach **9.00** FILM: Walk the Line (2005) (12) Biopic of Johnny Cash starring Joaquin Phoenix. **11.55** Grimm **12.55** Resurrection **2.30** Life Is Toff **2.35** Betty White's Off Their Rockers **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 The Green Green Grass **7.30** Ever Decreasing Circles **8.00** The Two Ronnies **9.35** Wallace & Gromit: Grand Day Out **10.05** Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers **10.40** Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave **11.2** Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death **12.00** Only Fools and Horses **9.00** FILM: Beverly Hills Cop II (1987) (15) Comedy thriller sequel, starring Eddie Murphy. **11.00** Eddie Izzard: Force Majeure **12.20** Bill Hicks Live: Revelations **1.35** Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle **2.15** Steve Coogan: Live 'n' Lewd **3.25** Nighty Night **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football League Gold **6.15** Premier League 100 Club **7.15** Game Changers **7.45** Ricky Burns – My Greatest Night **8.15** Premier League Preview **8.45** The Fantasy Football Club **9.45** Soccer AM **11.30** Live Premier League. **12.30** Live Premier League. **3.00** Gillette Soccer Saturday **5.15** La Liga Football **7.15** Spanish Football Gold **7.30** Football's Greatest Players **8.30** Nissan Game of the Day **10.30** Nissan Match Choice **11.30** Premier League Highlights

Sunday April 16th

DAYTIME

BBC1

10.00 Easter Day Service – Live from Hereford Cathedral (S) **11.00 Urbi et Orbi** (S) **11.25 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.15 BBC News** (S) **1.30 Countryfile Spring Diaries** (S)(R) **1.30 Granada/YTV The Super League Show** (S) **2.15 FILM Cool Runnings (1993) (PG)** (S) **3.50 Spring: Earth's Seasonal Secrets** (S) **4.50 Lifeline** (S) **5.00 Songs of Praise** (S) **5.35 Galapagos** (S)(R) **6.35 BBC News** (S) **6.50 BBC Regional News** (S)

7

7.00 Countryfile Matt Baker takes part in a pace egg rolling challenge in Lancashire. Including weather for the week ahead. (S)

8

8.00 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce presents a second episode from Pembroke Castle, where items under inspection include a ring that changes colour. (S)

9

9.00 Line of Duty The AC-12 investigation intensifies and new forensic anomalies lead to a major breakthrough. Meanwhile, Nick Huntley comes under scrutiny. (S)

10

10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day 2 Highlights of the day's Premier League action. (S)

11

11.30 I'm Different: Let Me Drive An autistic driver takes a pass plus course to ease his parents' fears. (S)

AFTER 12

12.00 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.05** BBC News (S)

BBC2

6.30 The Beechgrove Garden (S) **7.00 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **8.00 Countryfile** (S)(R) **9.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **10.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship** (S) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 Track Cycling World Championships** (S) **2.15 Live Snooker: The World Championship** Coverage of the second session on the second day. (S) **6.00 Inside the Factory: Shoes** (S)(R)

7

7.00 Robot Wars Dara and Angela present the grand final between robots Aftershock, Eruption, Ironside 3, Concussion, Carbide and an unconfirmed wild card. (S)

8

8.00 Top Gear Chris and Rory take a road trip across Cuba, Matt test drives the Mercedes-AMG GT R, and Ross Noble is this week's Star in a Reasonably Fast Car. (S)

9

9.00 Colombia with Simon Reeve The presenter explores the country as 50 years of civil war draws to a close. (S)

10

10.00 FILM At Any Price (2012) (18) Premiere. Drama, starring Dennis Quaid and Zac Efron. (S)

11

11.40 Snooker: The World Championship Highlights of the evening session at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. (S)

AFTER 12

12.30 Snooker: World Championship Extra (S) **2.30** Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **3.25** Holby City (S)(R) **4.25** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

9.05 Scrambled!: Adventure Time (S)(R) **9.25 ITV News** (S) **9.30 Weekend** (S) **10.20 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **11.25 Wild Australia with Ray Mears** (S)(R) **11.50 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.00 FILM Thunderball (1965) (PG)** (S) **2.35 Britain's Got Talent** (S)(R) **4.00 Little Big Shots** (S)(R) **5.00 ITV Regional News** (S) **5.15 ITV News** (S) **5.30 Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule** (S)(R) **6.00 The Voice: The Winner's Story** (S)

7

7.00 Five Gold Rings Game show, in which two sisters take on a married couple to answer visual questions by placing rings on an LED floor. Last in the series. (S)

8

8.00 Maigret's Night at the Crossroads The detective interrogates a mysterious Dane who has been caught with a dead body in his car in a rural town. (S)

10

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.20 Lethal Weapon Riggs and Murtaugh examine the murder of one of LA's fashion expeditors. (S)(R)

11

11.10 The Nightly Show Best Bits (S)
11.40 Premiership Rugby Union Action from the 20th round of fixtures.

AFTER 12

12.30 Jackpot247 3.00 The Cube (S)(R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

6.10 The King of Queens (S)(R) **7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 Ice Age: The Great Egg-Scapade** (S)(R) **1.00 FILM Hop (2011) (U)** (S) **2.50 Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix Live Build-Up** (S) **3.50 Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix Live** (S) **6.15 Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix Live Reaction** (S) **6.45 Channel 4 News** (S)

7

7.00 Kevin McCloud's Escape to the Wild Kevin travels to Central America to spend time with British family-of-five the Atkinsons. (S)(R)

8

8.00 Rome's Sunken Secrets Documentary exploring the underwater ruins of an ancient Roman city located in the Bay of Naples. (S)

9

9.00 Homeland Dar scrambles to get his plan back on track, and Saul and Keane deal with some fallout from her interview. Last in the series. (S)

10

10.10 Gogglebox The households' opinions on recent TV. (S)(R)

11

11.05 FILM East Is East (1999) (15) Comedy drama, starring Om Puri and Jimi Mistry. (S)

AFTER 12

1.00 FILM Kingpin (1996) (12) (S) **3.00** Gillette World Sport (S) **3.30** KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) **3.55** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free (S)(R) **4.10** Four in a Bed (S)(R) **4.35** Four in a Bed (S)(R) **5.05** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.45 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.20 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops** (S)(R) **10.45 Grannies Make You Laugh Out Loud** (S)(R) **11.45 Playful Pups Make You Laugh Out Loud** (S)(R) **12.45 FILM Watership Down (1978) (U)** (S) **2.30 Greatest Animated Movies** A countdown of classic cartoon films. (S (R) **5.20 FILM Oliver! (1968) (U)** Musical, starring Ron Moody. (S)

8

8.00 Naughty Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud Internet videos featuring cats. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9

9.00 The Prince Story: Icon, Genius Slave Documentary exploring the singer's troubled private life and its influence on his recording output. (S)

11

11.05 FILM Purple Rain (1984) (15) Musical drama, with Prince and Apollonia Kotero. (S)

AFTER 12

1.10 SuperCasino 3.10 Body of Proof (S)(R) **4.00** Criminals: Caught on Camera (S)(R) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Planet's Funniest Animals **6.15** Emmerdale **9.00** Coronation Street **11.30** Britain's Got Talent **1.00** 2Awesome **1.05** 2Awesome: Guidance **1.35** 2Awesome: Third Wheel **1.55** 2Awesome: LA Story **2.05** 2Awesome: Side Effects **2.35** You've Been Framed! Gold **3.05** FILM: Hotel Transylvania (2012) (U) **4.10** FYI Daily **4.15** FILM: Hotel Transylvania (2012) (U) **4.50** FILM: Despicable Me 2 (2013) (U) **5.50** FYI Daily **5.55** FILM: Despicable Me 2 (2013) (U) **6.55** FILM: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) (12) **7.55** FYI Daily **8.00** FILM: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) (12) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Martin Freeman. **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.25** The Cleveland Show **12.55** Dads **1.25** The Vampire Diaries **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 You're Only Young Twice **6.50** On the Buses **7.50** FILM: Carry On Doctor (1967) (PG) **8.50** FYI Daily **8.55** FILM: Carry On Doctor (1967) (PG) **9.50** FILM: Carry On Behind (1975) (PG) **10.50** FYI Daily **10.55** FILM: Carry On Behind (1975) (PG) **11.40** FILM: Mutiny on the Buses (1972) (PG) **12.40** FYI Daily **12.45** FILM: Mutiny on the Buses (1972) (PG) **1.25** FILM: Carry On Dick (1974) (PG) **2.25** FYI Daily **2.30** FILM: Carry On Dick (1974) (PG) **3.15** FILM: Carry On Again Doctor (1969) (PG) **4.15** FYI Daily **4.20** FILM: Carry On Again Doctor (1969) (PG) **5.05** FILM: Carry On Up the Khyber (1968) (PG) **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10** FILM: Carry On Up the Khyber (1968) (PG) **6.55** FILM: That Riviera Touch (1966) (PG) **7.55** FYI Daily **8.00** FILM: That Riviera Touch (1966) (PG) Concluded. **9.00** Morecambe and Wise Forever **10.00** It'll Be Alright on the Night **11.00** Lewis **1.05** Agatha Christie's Marple **3.00** May the Best House Win **4.40** On the Buses **5.05** You're Only Young Twice

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Messiah at the Foundling Hospital **8.00** Darcey Bussell's Looking for Audrey **9.00** Shakespeare's Mother: The Secret Life of a Tudor Woman **10.00** The Killer Wave of 1607 **10.50** The Mystery of Rome's X Tomb **11.50** The Story of Maths **12.50** Cleopatra: A Timewatch Guide **1.50** Pugin: God's Own Architect **2.50** Timeshift – Blazes and Brigades: The Story of the Fire Service **3.50** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Couples Come Dine with Me **7.55** Hollyoaks **10.30** Made in Chelsea **11.30** The Big Bang Theory **12.30** The Goldbergs **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** FILM: We Bought a Zoo (2011) (PG) Fact-based comedy drama, starring Matt Damon. **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Tattoo Fixers **11.00** E4's Tattoo Artist of the Year **12.05** Naked Attraction **1.05** Bizarre ER **2.05** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.50** Black-ish **3.15** Baby Daddy **3.35** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Vet on the Hill **9.55** Walks with My Dog **11.00** Homes by the Med **12.05** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.25** Come Dine with Me **8.00** How to Lose Weight Well **9.00** Gladiators: Back from the Dead **10.05** Father Ted **11.10** Man Down **12.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **3.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Marmaduke (2010) (U) **1.00** Young Sherlock Holmes (1985) (PG) **3.15** Stuart Little 2 (2002) (U) **4.50** Ice Age: Continental Drift (2012) (U) **6.35** Mission: Impossible 2 (2000) (15) Action thriller sequel, starring Tom Cruise. **9.00** Bridesmaids (2011) (15) Comedy, starring Kristen Wiig. **11.25** Sin City: A Dame to Kill For (2014) (18) Crime thriller sequel, starring Eva Green. **1.30** Brother (2000) (18) **3.50** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Storage Hunters **8.00** Top Gear India Special **10.00** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **11.00** Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit **12.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **1.00** Ronnie's Redneck Road Trip **2.00** Top Gear **3.00** Storage Hunters UK **5.30** Top Gear **7.00** Traffic Cops **8.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **9.00** Live at the Apollo **10.00** Taskmaster **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.00** Room 101 **1.20** Taskmaster **2.20** Mock the Week **2.50** Suits **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 The Agatha Christie Hour **8.00** Call the Midwife **8.00** Mapp and Lucia **9.20** Jonathan Creek **1.25** Mapp and Lucia **2.40** The Agatha Christie Hour **3.30** Garden Hopping **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Big Cats: An Amazing Animal Family **9.00** FILM: Stargate: Continuum (2008) (PG) **11.00** Football's Funniest Moments **11.30** WWE Raw Hits **12.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. **1.30** Modern Family **2.30** Pixar's Greatest Moments **4.00** FILM: Jumanji (1995) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Robin Williams. **6.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Wild Things **9.00** Hawaii Five-0 **10.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **11.00** MacGyver **12.00** The Blacklist: Redemption **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **2.00** Revolution **3.00** Arrow **4.00** Monkey Life

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Fish Town **8.00** The British **9.00** The West Wing **2.00** House **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Big Little Lies **10.00** Guerrilla **11.05** The Trip to Spain **11.40** The Circus: Inside The Biggest Story On Earth **12.15** Billions **1.25** Westworld **2.30** Silicon Valley **3.00** Girls **3.35** Silicon Valley **4.10** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.10 Crisis **7.00** Motorway Cops **8.00** Bondi Rescue **8.35** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **11.30** Billionaire Boy **12.45** Doctor Who **4.30** FILM: March of the Penguins (2005) (U) **6.00** FILM: Spy Kids 2: Island of Lost Dreams (2002) (U) Family adventure sequel, starring Antonio Banderas. **8.00** Dr Christian Will See You Now **9.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with Ken Loach **10.00** Doctor Foster **11.20** Louis Theroux's LA Stories **12.40** Resurrection **2.25** Life Is Toff **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

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Spring into Action

Now's the perfect time to replace your garden fence once and for all. Anna Ryder Richardson - Designer and Television Presenter - takes a closer look at Colourfence, the revolutionary low-maintenance system.

It's been ten years since I regularly graced TV screens helping transform people's living spaces with MDF and stripped floorboards. Recently it's been more "celebrity muck out" than "celebrity make-over" as I took up the challenge of owning my own Wildlife Zoo in Tenby. In this time I've learnt quiet a lot about fences and having researched the various options for my own benefit I thought I would share my knowledge with a wider audience.

The latest design processes mean there is now a tremendous array of fencing products for you to choose from, constructed from a variety of materials. Each has its own attributes, and ultimately it can often come down to a matter of personal preference. For me, there was one unique system that stood out as providing the best balance between price and functionality which eradicates fencing problems for good. Or for at least 25 years. Colourfence. For quality, value, longevity, aesthetic design, this fencing system ticks all the boxes. Fencing made for the 21st century that will transform the look of your garden which is supplied and fitted by a company whose customer service is as good as the product.

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We will be staying at the Holiday Inn, Norwich which has great leisure facilities!

The Delights of Devon & Dartmoor: Paignton
18/06/17
6 Days: £449

Includes the option to visit Morwellham Quay as featured on BBC's Edwardian Farm.

Paignton is a lovely seaside resort with a level esplanade leading to a small harbour, and there are fine views over Torbay with its vivid blue sea and sky. As well as the beautiful coastline, our tours will show us much of Devon's enchanting countryside.

West Wales & Snowdonia Barmouth
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5 Days: £399

Locatedon the coast of Snowdonia, with a long sandy beach and a picturesque harbour bordered by the dramatically beautiful Mawddach estuary, Barmouth is the perfect destination at any time of the year!

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Yorkshire Gardens, Harrogate
26/06/17
5 Days: £429

Includes Castle Howard & RHS Harlow Carr.

Our base for this tour is the lovely spa town of Harrogate, well known for its tea shops, antique shops and Turkish baths. We also see some stunning Dale scenery as well as two World-famous gardens.

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

A modern makeover all round

By Samantha McGregor

Pygmalion with a difference
Picture: Manuel Harlan

THEATRE company Headlong has taken the classic tale Pygmalion and given it a modern twist.

George Bernard Shaw's play was first staged more than 100 years ago in 1913, but this radical new adaptation is set in a digitally savvy generation and uses modern sound and recording technologies.

Pygmalion is a hilarious and poignant tale of two opposites who try to find a common language.

Professor of phonetics Henry Higgins makes a bet that he can pass off Cockney flower girl Eliza Doolittle as a duchess.

The eccentric Higgins is played by Alex Beckett, of The Changeling, with Natalie Gavin, of ITV's Jericho, taking on the lead role of Eliza Doolittle.

Director Sam Pritchard, associate director at the Royal Court, playfully sets this classic in a contemporary world of a high-tech, electronic generation.

Watch the transformation of Eliza in a world where people can be digitally altered within seconds.

Through video and sound technology, this fearless new staging challenges class identity and social mobility in Britain today and asks 'just how much do our voices still define who we are'.

The sound design is provided by two-time Oliver nominees Ben and Max Ringham – who worked on Piaf and Ladykillers, and plays a central role in this new staging.

The cast also includes Ian Burfield, of One Man Two Guvnors, as Alfred Doolittle, Gavi Singh Chera, who performed in the National Theatre's Behind the Beautiful Forevers, as Freddy Eynsford Hill.

Bernard Shaw wrote the play in 1912 and it premiered in Vienna the following year. It was later the basis for the musical My Fair Lady starring Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison.

Headlong's new staging of Pygmalion comes to Oxford Playhouse from Tuesday, April 18 to Saturday 22.

Tickets for Pygmalion cost from £11.50 and are available from the Ticket Office on 01865 305305 or book online at oxfordplayhouse.co.uk

Children's ballet

OXFORD: Everyone's favourite rags-to-riches story Cinderella has been adapted into a ballet version for children aged three upwards.

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Tweedy's new job

CHIPPING NORTON: Tweedy, the slapstick and clowning star of Gifford's Circus, presents a comedy about a clown who gives in to society and gets a real job in a lost property office.

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There are two shows at 2pm and 6pm, on, April 22.

Tickets cost £13 for adults and £8.50 for children, go to chippingnortontheatre.com

The Zoots show

WANTAGE: Experience the 1960s with a show from The Zoots at The Beacon, tomorrow night at 8pm.

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

A big upbeat Blues party

By Samantha McGregor

Scotland's most experienced young blues musicians play Oxford

AN award-winning Edinburgh based rhythm and blues band – part of the famous Monday Blues Club – is stopping off in Oxford as part of a UK tour.

The Blueswater is influenced by gritty, old-school rhythm and blues with a blend of the Chicago sound of Chess records with the earthy, droning grooves of Mississippi to create a style that is truly unique.

They combine thick guitar riffs and frenzied harmonica solos blended into high-energy performances.

The band consists of some of Scotland's most experienced young blues musicians including Gordon Jones on harmonica, Jed Potts on guitar, Charlie Wild also on guitar, Ewan Gibson on bass, Simon Gibb on drums, led by American frontman Felipe Schrieberg.

The Blueswater play the Jericho Tavern, Oxford, on April 24, at 8pm.

Speaking to the Oxfordshire Guardian ahead of their gig, Felipe said: "Every time we've been to Oxford we've been very lucky to play the Jericho Tavern, it's a phenomenal and intimate venue.

"We're looking forward to making our way back, and we're grateful to the Famous Monday Blues Club for bringing us over.

"This tour is our first big one of the year, and we intend to make every show a big, upbeat blues party."

The Bluewater are based in Edinburgh. In 2011, they premiered their show BLUES! at the Edinburgh Fringe to great acclaim, and in 2012 received a Mervyn Stutter Spirit of the Fringe Award. The show, a musical history of the blues genre, now regularly tours across the UK as well as internationally.

The current tour has also taken in Glasgow, London and Liverpool and has had rave reviews. Among them was novelist Ian Rankin, who said: "Terrific set of blues songs performed with zest and wit", while Blues In Britain said they were "definitely" a band to watch.

Tickets cost £10 and are available on the door. For more information view theblueswater.com

First big step...

OXON: David Williams' book The First Hippo On The Moon is taking to the stage at the New Theatre.

It has been adapted for stage by award-winning theatre company Les Petits and follows hot on-the-heals of the successful Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs.

The show is for children aged three and up. For more information view atgtickets.com/oxford

Human theatre

OXON: Human Story Theatre has won funding to stage a new play this summer.

The company has received funding from the Arts Council, Doris Field Foundation & South Oxfordshire District Council for The Fourth Dog, a play about marital breakdown, grieving and breast cancer.

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Pushing the envelope of fashion

By Samantha McGregor

NEXT month will see the team behind the Oxford African fashion show back for the second year running.

This time the organiser has pledged AFROShow - The Runway Show 2017 – will be even better as she brings a taste of Africa to the city.

The show was the brainchild of nurse Laure Loutala Mpolo and is aimed at giving up-and-coming African-inspired designers a platform to showcase their unique creations.

Last week models and designers took over the Barton neighbourhood centre for a dress rehearsal of the show.

The show and a food festival will be staged over the weekend of May 6 and 7, at The Tingewick Hall, Headley Way, Oxford, and will raise money for Rojalnu-Congo, a Pan-African network of youth leaders.

Laure said: "The fashion showcase returns for a second year with the mission of creating a global platform to promote African fashion on the runway, while highlighting Oxford's diversity and its status as an international marketplace.

"The two-day celebration includes a series of events – a fashion showcase, entertainment and a competition - and presentations to promote emerging fashion designers, models, buyers, experts and professionals from Oxford and around the world."

On Saturday, the red carpet opens at 5pm for VIPs, designers and a surprise guest of honour followed by the official showcase at 6.30pm.

Laure added: "This year's collections of designs will consist of diverse works, selected from designer collections that continue to push the envelope in defining the true aesthetic value of African fashion."

There will also be an after show party with a performance by DJ Moses at Osler House from 9pm to midnight. Limited tickets are available. The following day the AFROShow Exhibition will be opened to the community where designers and local businesses can promote their products and services.

There will also be a series of workshops including hair, make-up, beauty, fashion, alongside a fashion show and food festival.

Doors open at 10.30am and food celebrating a taste of African Caribbean flavours from Nigeria, Congo, French Caribbean, and the West indies will be served from 11.30am.

For more information view Eventbrite.co.uk and search for afroshow oxford

The second AFROShow takes place in May

Catch Mr Fox

OXFORD: There's still a chance to see Nuffield and Curve Production's adaptation of Roald Dahl's Fantastic Mr Fox.

A story of a smart, clever fox who must outwit three determined farmers who will stop at nothing to catch him. The play is at the Oxford Playhouse until Saturday.

Go to oxfordplayhouse.com

Back in the UK

OXFORD: Alternative rock singer songwriter Josh Doyle is set to perform at the Oxford O2 Academy on Wednesday, April 19, at 7pm.

He is a former member of the British band Dum Dums, and is back on British soil after moving to Nashville for a UK tour.

Tickets cost £11.25, more information at academymusicgroup.com/o2academyoxford/

Little Light shines

OXON: Oxford-based singer/songwriter Lewis Watson has released a new song Little Light from his upcoming second album Midnight.

In 2012 his debut EP, It's Got Four Sad Songs on it BTW, went straight to the top of the iTunes singer-songwriter chart on the day of release.

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Wed, Apr 19, 7pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
JOSH DOYLE
After making the move to Nashville, alt-rock singer songwriter Josh Doyle, formerly of the British band Dum Dums, is back for a UK tour.

Fri, Apr 21, 6.30pm
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BETTER THAN NEVER & COAST TO COAST
Birmingham pop punk band, Coast to Coast announce their new EP, The Length Of A Smile, as they come to O2 Academy Oxford. With support from Better Than Nothing and One State Drive.

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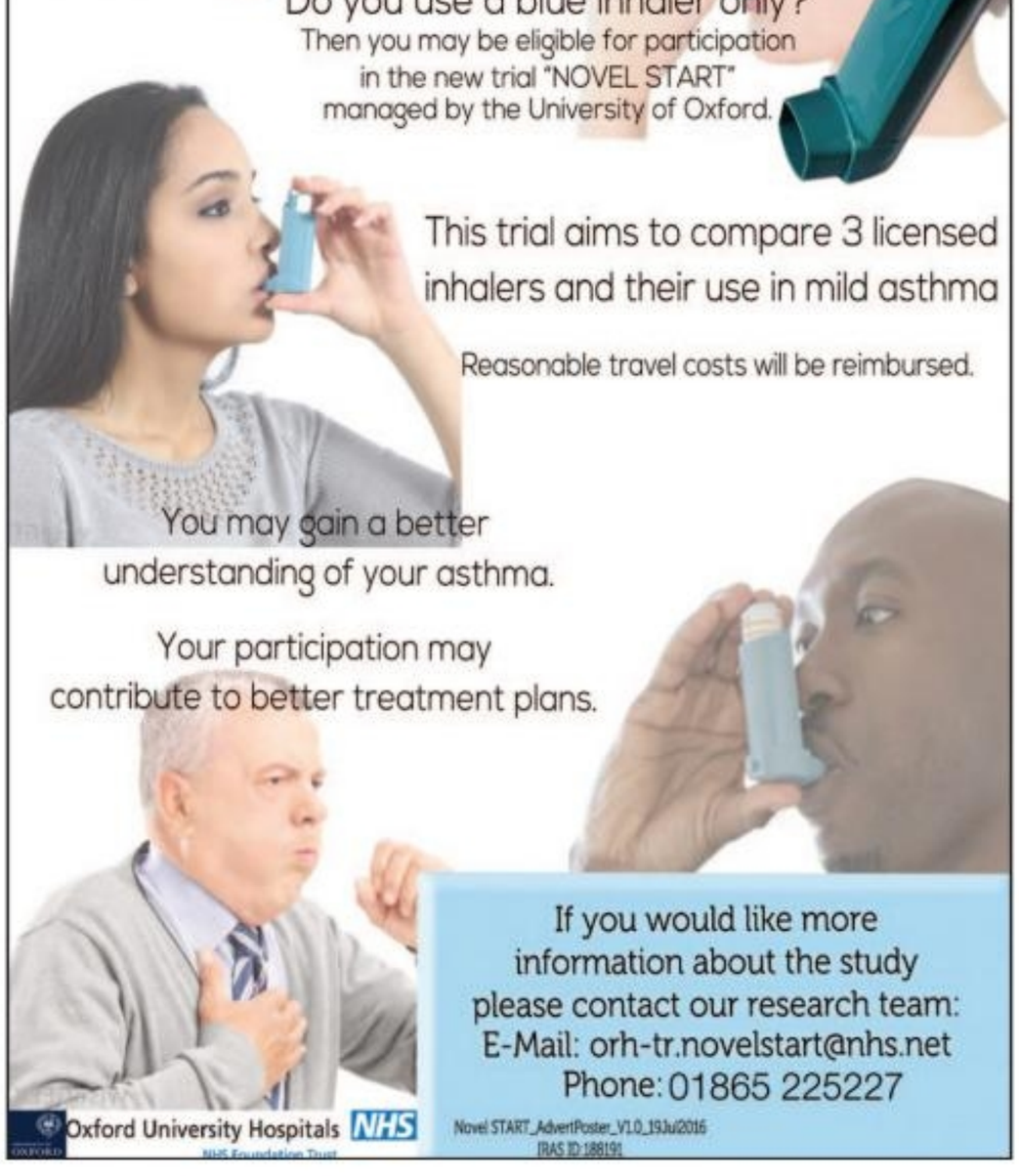

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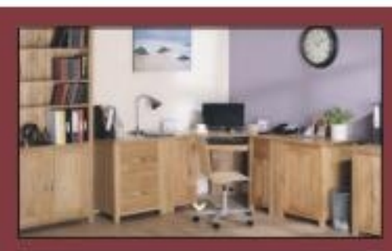

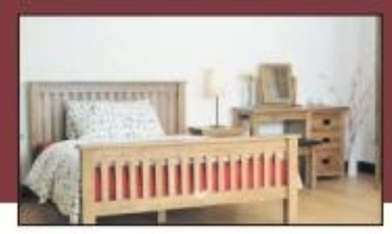

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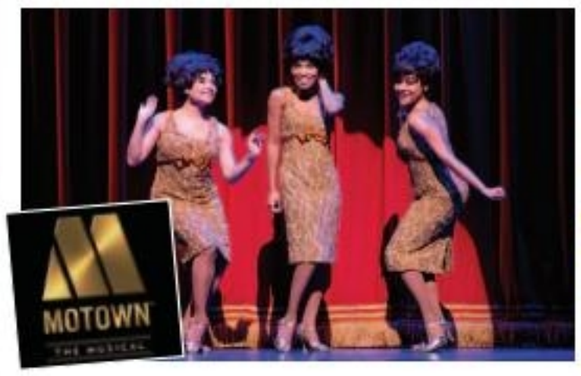

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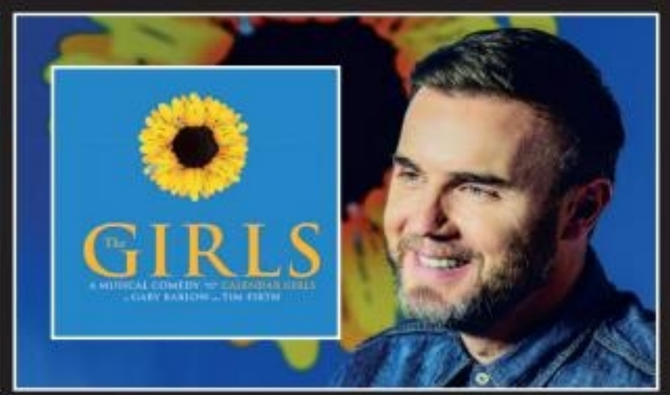

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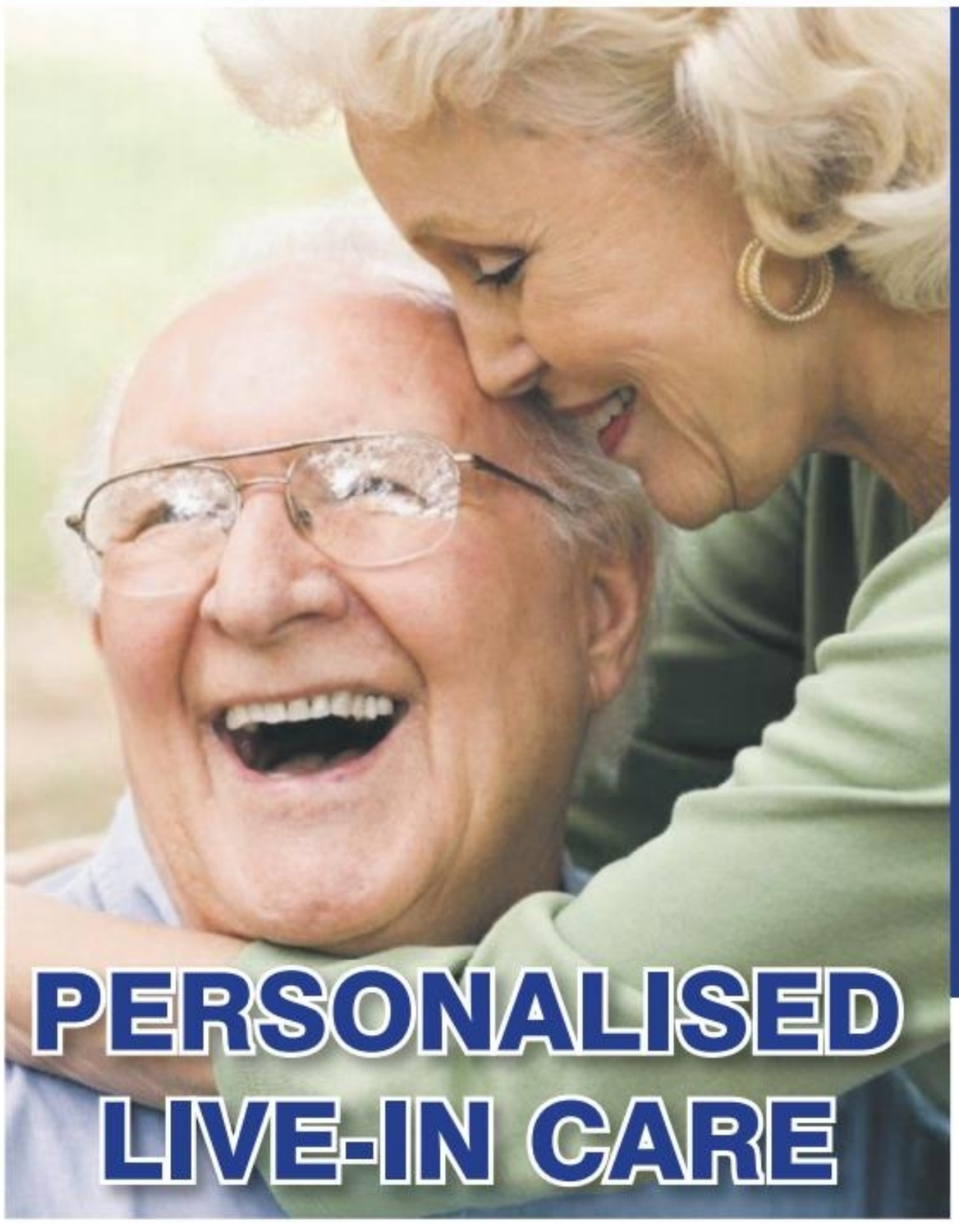

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A playful little crossover Eco car

By **Tony Yates**

I have spoken many times about how I am still not convinced that we need low power Eco cars, with less horsepower than a blender. So as you can imagine, when I was given the 2008 PureTech to test recently, I suddenly developed a longing for walking instead.

It's a shame really – because a lot of Eco friendly cars are actually quite good. Plus it has a maximum power output of about ZERO and it will pretty much destroy your social life in an instant if you decide to drive it anywhere further than the end of your driveway. As for the 2008, let's see if Peugeot have managed to make something a little bit better.

Power and efficiency:

My test car was fitted with a 1.2 PureTech petrol engine that produces 130hp. The unit is smooth and very responsive on the road, with plenty of power considering it's just a small engine. Top speed comes in around 124mph and you can expect a 0-62 time of 9.3sec. Fuel consumption is also decent and I managed with very little effort - 50mpg on the combined cycle.

On the road:

The 2008 is a very playful little crossover and although it's not one of the best I have driven recently – it's not the worst either. Into the corners – it does feel a little bit too soft, but that's not always a bad thing – because there is nothing worse than owning a crossover with suspension so hard even the smoothest of roads feels like a rally stage.

Design and interior:

The 2008 has a decent interior with clear and presentable cockpit which is laid out nice - although I am not sure why they decided to fit the instrument panel so high on the dashboard. The use of upmarket materials around the cockpit also gives the 2008 a classy feel thanks to Peugeot using quality materials instead of the cheap plastic alternative.

Technology:

We come to expect a lot nowadays from car manufacturers, and the 2008 comes with an array of kit such as; 17" Eridan Black alloy wheels, Cielo panoramic glass roof, aluminium door sills & pedals, GT line carpet mats & trim, Satellite Navigation with European mapping, reversing camera, 7" multi-function colour touch screen, MirrorScreen, based on MirrorLinkTM and Apple Carplay®, along with Active City Brake and Park Assist. The 2008 is also equipped with Grip Control - an adapted traction system - giving the 2008 good versatility on all types of terrain - and All-Season tyres as standard.

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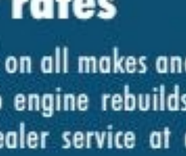

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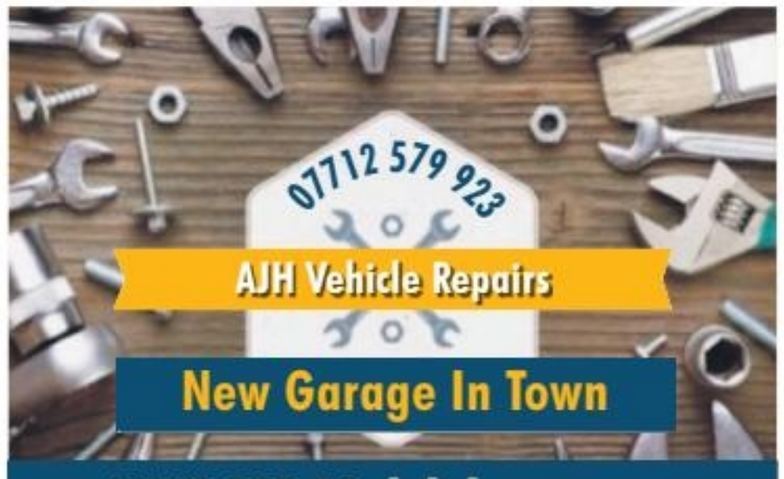

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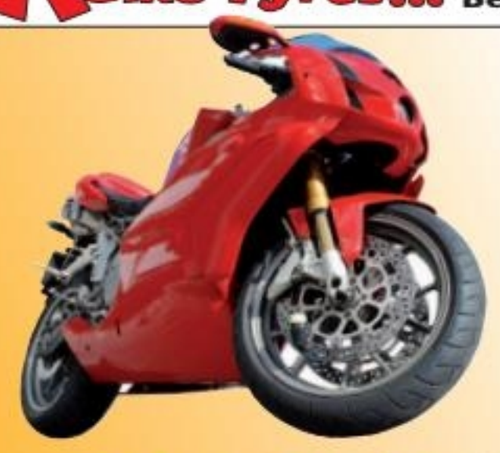

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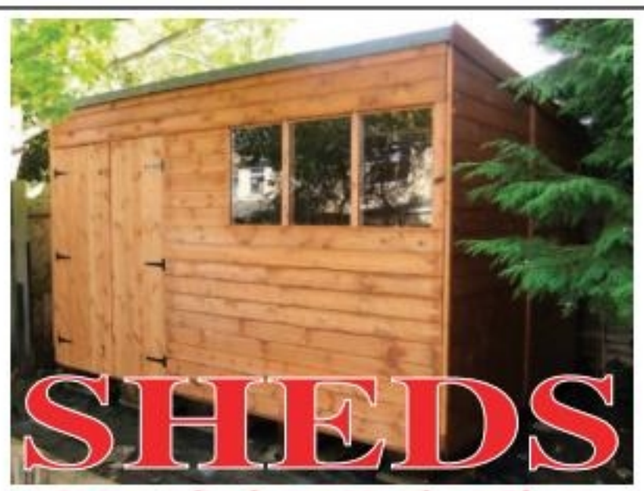

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Nico Hulkenberg. Picture: Renault Sport Formula One Team

Potential but no points for Renault pair

F1

RENAULT showed good potential but it didn't translate into any points for the Enstone team in the Chinese Grand Prix on Sunday.

Nico Hulkenberg had qualified seventh and made up ground on the first lap before taking the bold decision to pit for slick tyres on the drying track.

The gamble didn't pay off and he fell out of the points. With two time penalties he was never able to get back into the top 10 after that.

His team-mate Jolyon Palmer tried a similar tactic after pitting at the end of the formation lap, but two safety car periods in the opening laps undid the benefit that stopping early might have had.

Renault managing director Cyril Abiteboul said: "We showed strong potential but the race did not deliver the results we wanted.

"The early virtual safety car meant we were immediately on the back foot as we'd already pitted Nico to cover the threat from those behind."

Festival huge success again

Hockey

THE Rover Oxford Hockey Festival celebrated its 25th anniversary in glorious sunshine at the weekend.

More than 700 children made up 81 teams that took part in six age groups over the two days in what has become one of the largest and longest running festivals in the UK.

The under-8s got the tournament under way and after some fast and furious action Wallingford were crowned champions, squeezing Eastcote into second place on goal difference.

Under-10s were played as two leagues with Cheltenham winning league A and Wallingford picking up gold in league B.

Concluding the Saturday action were the under-12 boys, with the Oxford Hawks losing their final against Wycombe.

On Sunday, Oxford Hawks under-12s girls triumphed in a closely fought final against Cirencester who received their medals from GB Hockey star Erica Sanders.

The tournament ended with the under-14s boys and girls taking centre stage.

Cirencester were victorious over local rivals Cheltenham 2 -1 while in a very strong boys competition, Banbridge Academy beat Cheltenham 2-0 to take gold.

Kevin Magnussen scored four points in China. Picture: Haas F1

Magnificent Magnussen

F1

By Adam Flinn

KEVIN Magnussen got Haas F1's first points on the board for 2017 in an otherwise gloomy day at the Chinese Grand Prix on Sunday.

He finished eighth to get the Banbury-based team's first four points of the season, while Romain Grosjean just missed out in 11th after a frustrating weekend.

The track was greasy for the start of the race and the majority of the grid started on the intermediate tyres before a couple of safety car periods early on saw everyone swap on to slicks.

This helped Magnussen get into the points and he was running in ninth for a long stint before getting past Sergio Perez towards the end to move up another place.

"It was a good race, I had fun out there," said Magnussen.

"I was able to look after the front tyres, which I think was key, along with working with the team to get the car in the right window.

"It's so much more fun when you're fighting in the points. I'm happy for the team and we're looking forward to the coming races."

Grosjean had a trickier weekend, starting in qualifying when Antonio Giovinazzi's crash meant he wasn't able to set a competitive time. He lined up on the back row of the grid.

An early stop for slicks in the race didn't allow him to make as much ground up as he would have liked and he got held up behind Jolyon Palmer's Renault.

After getting past on lap 27 he was able to make up some ground and a late overtake on Felipe Massa's Williams got him up to 11th, just shy of the points-paying positions.

Haas team principal Guenther Steiner said: "For Kevin to score points on his second race is fantastic, but I think Romain had a challenging weekend.

"We showed what we can do and that we are where we think we are. We just have to do it consistently.

"I think we did more overtaking between the Haas team than the rest of the teams, so I'm very proud of that. Both drivers drove a fantastic race."

The four points put Haas up to seventh in the constructors' championship standings.

The next race is the Bahrain Grand Prix this weekend.

Lack of grip ruins Massa's race

F1

IT was a miserable afternoon for Williams as Sunday's Chinese Grand Prix failed to yield any points for the Grove-based squad.

Felipe Massa suffered from a lack of grip due to cold tyres, while Lance Stroll's day was over on the first lap after he was hit from behind by Sergio Perez and pitched into the gravel.

Massa started sixth but couldn't keep the heat in his tyres during the early safety car periods. He went backwards from then on before ending up 14th.

He said: "I'm really disappointed as everything went wrong for us.

"I wasn't able to drive in the proper way because it felt like I was driving on ice – that was the worst part, we lost so much time and so many positions.

"We need to carry on trying to do what we did in the first race in Australia and qualifying here, so now we will look forward and concentrate on Bahrain."

For Stroll, it was the second race in succession he had failed to finish, although he did manage to qualify inside the top 10 for the first time.

He said: "I got hit and then the car was broken, most likely with a puncture and damaged suspension.

"While the race was difficult we have some positives to take out of this weekend, as the qualifying was good even if the race was not."

Historic day for KTM as pair clinch first points

Bradley Smith (behind) and Pol Espargaro made history. Picture: Gold & Goose

MotoGP

IN only their second competitive race, KTM's Oxford-based rider Bradley Smith and partner Pol Espargaro finished just inside the scoring positions at the Argentina GP on Sunday.

Espargaro crossed the line in 14th and Smith came in next to get KTM off and running for the season with three points.

The new MotoGP outfit could take a number of positives away from the weekend in Argentina with the pair of riders improving their positions from 18th and 19th on the grid. They both completed the 25-lap race safely, unlike seven other riders.

After picking up his first point of the season, Smith said: "Today was a great day for us as a team because we scored our first points with both riders.

"We made a good step forward from Qatar because there we weren't able to fight with the group ahead of us.

"Here we could both stay with [other riders] for most of the race, so we improved by another 3-4 seconds.

"I was really pleased with my race. Of course we need to continue to improve but right now we have to be happy with what we are doing race-by-race."

Team manager Mike Leitner added: "Everybody should take all these positive things from what has happened here and I think the company especially should be motivated because we clearly see that there is a future.

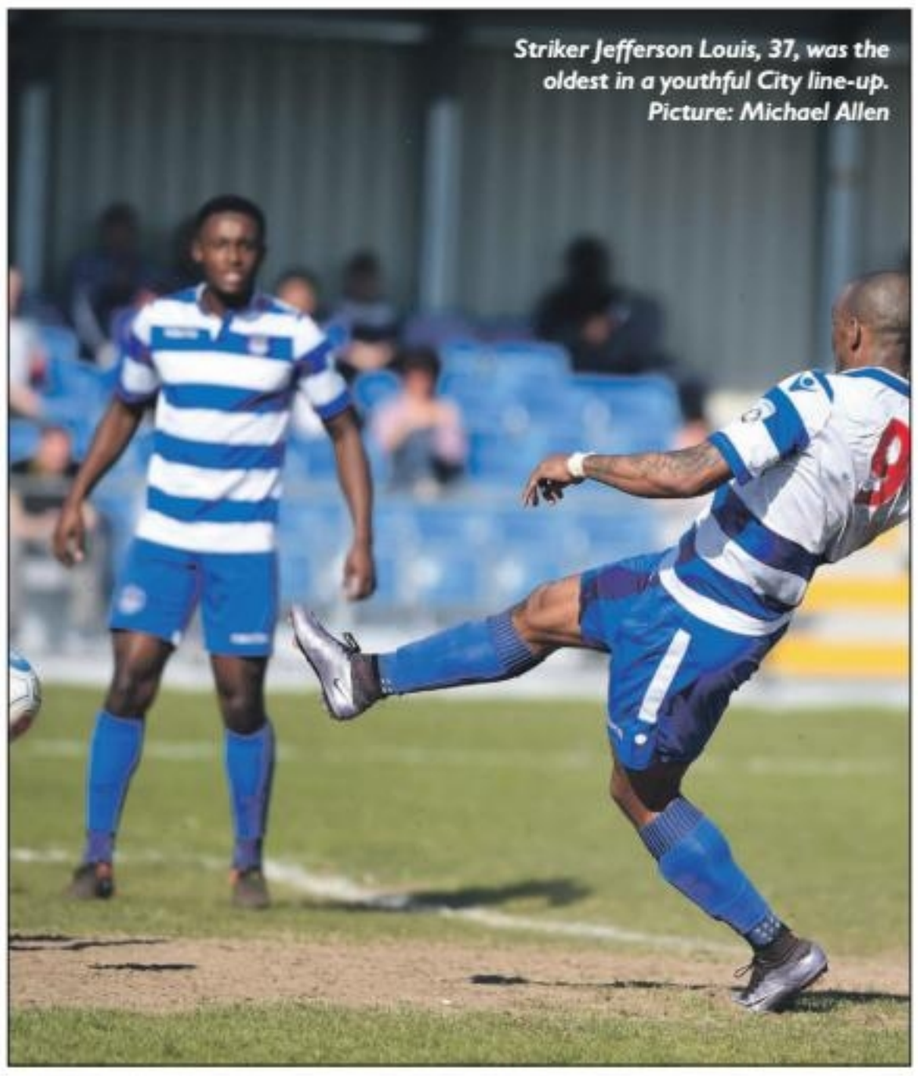
"If we do the correct things we will have more interesting races where we can fight with the other manufacturers and riders.

"This is what was super positive about today."

Boss Jones: Blame me

Oxford City

By George Welch



Striker Jefferson Louis, 37, was the oldest in a youthful City line-up. Picture: Michael Allen

CARETAKER boss Mark Jones has taken responsibility and apologised to fans following Oxford City's 5-0 thrashing at home to Hampton & Richmond Borough on Saturday.

The City manager – who is still in temporary charge of the Hoops – made five changes to his starting XI as he offered opportunities to those who had impressed the gaffer in training.

The Hoops had all but assured their National League South survival with a win at Bishop's Stortford the previous week, but things went wrong very early on for Oxford's second biggest football club.

Inspired by hat-trick hero Brendan Kiernan, the Beavers commanded a 3-0 lead against their hosts by the half hour mark and this was stretched to 4-0 by half time.

Duncan Culley scored a brace (8, 27) and Kiernan netted his first two (14, 45) of the afternoon in the first half at a sun-beaten Court Place Farm.

Going into half time, Jones' young and experimental side was not only trailing by a huge margin but had also failed to register a single shot on target.

With the points secured, Kiernan completed his treble just after the hour with a deflected effort, leaving City with a record of five defeats in seven league games and an apologetic manager.

Jones said: "I'd like to apologise to the supporters who came to watch us today.

"I tried to change the side around and give players an opportunity who I felt had been training well and showing some promise and that obviously didn't work.

"We got off to a terrible start and it was always going to be difficult to come back with the conditions and a team of young players.

"I have to take responsibility. I always ask the players for honesty so I've got to give the same and hold my hands up and say that I got it wrong today.

"We had a great win last week at Bishop's Stortford, which practically saw us safe, so I felt it was a chance today to try some new things and give some players an opportunity who haven't really been playing much.

"The end result was obviously what it was so I'm really disappointed.

"I have to hold my hands up and say that I got it wrong and the players didn't really help with their performance but there's an awful lot of very young players out there.

"We tried something today which didn't work so now we need to make changes for next week."

City, who remain 14th in the National League South despite the heavy defeat, host Chelmsford City (third) on Saturday before travel ling to Gosport Borough (20th) on Monday for the Easter weekend fixtures.

Leam Howards scored a hat-trick in Ardley's last league game

Leam goes goal crazy!

Ardley United

HAT-TRICK hero Leam Howards powered Ardley to a 4-3 win at Longlevens AFC in a goal-crazy last league game of the season.

It didn't take long for it to start raining goals on a sun-soaked Gloucestershire pitch as a Darren Ofoe header and a Max Harper-Emerson strike fired the hosts in to a two-goal advantage within the opening eight minutes.

But a resilient Ardley side had time to fight back and were level by half time.

Howards slotted home a rebound into an unguarded net on 18 minutes before Matt Cruse scored from 20-yards on the stroke of half time.

The comeback effort seemed in vein when Levens retook the lead 10 minutes into the second half as Ofoe netted his second of a frantic afternoon.

Undeterred, Ardley equalised again on the hour mark through Howards' second goal before Cruse hit the post and Carl Tappin and Joel Meade also went close.

Just as the game drifted out for a draw, United were awarded a penalty deep in to stoppage time.

Howards kept his cool to fire home for his treble and nick the win for Ardley.

Despite United's entertaining win, the north Oxfordshire side had to wait until last night (Wednesday) to see if they finish fifth or sixth in the Hellenic Premier League table as Highworth visited Highmoor.

Ardley's league campaign might be over but they hope to extend their season when they visit Chalfont Wasps in the Supplementary Cup quarter-final on Saturday.

Butler serves up a promotion appetiser

Abingdon United

ABINGDON United strengthened their promotion push with a well-earned 3-0 win at Letcombe on Saturday.

Tom Butler bagged a brace either side of the break before Siyanda Gila wrapped up the win in United's final away game of the season.

The game started end-to-end, with shots cleared off the line from John Dennis for the visitors and Andy Goodchild for the hosts.

Slowly but surely Abingdon began to get a foothold in the game and on 17 minutes took the lead.

Butler harried a defender on the edge of the box to win the ball before setting himself up and slotting coolly beyond Danny Joyce in the Letcombe goal.

United had further chances when Cian McCormack had a header cleared off the line from a corner and Dennis fired over following a cross from Gila.

Within a minute of the restart, Dennis went on a mazy run and his shot from the edge of the box forced a low parry from Joyce, only for Butler to follow up for his second of the game.

In the demanding heat and heading uphill, Abingdon produced their patient passing game to strengthen their control of the match.

Gila worked his way into the box and fired into the top left corner to seal the win on 66 minutes.

Abingdon left with three points, a fifth clean sheet in a row and plenty of optimism ahead as they look to potentially secure promotion against North Leigh United on Saturday.

Troy's too tricky for lacklustre Saints

American football

OXFORD Saints continued their warm-up for this weekend's season opener with another pre-season defeat.

After being thrashed 42-0 at Farnham Knights last month, Oxford's second warm-up ended in a 49-21 loss to Leicester Falcons at Tilsley Park on April 2.

Both the Saints and the Falcons were promoted to Division I following undefeated seasons in 2016, as Leicester took the northern title and the Saints were named the southern champions.

A star performer for the day was Leicester's American quarterback Troy Lee, who quickly demonstrated his passing skills, picking up two first downs in the air.

Inspired by Lee, Falcons got off to a flying start and raced into a 21-6 half-time lead.

The Saints' only touchdown came from veteran James Walter, who ran in from eight yards.

The visitors had stretched their lead to 41-6 before Walter and Antonios Athanasiou offered resistance to end the match 49-21.

The Southern Central Division 1 opener is at home to Sussex Thunder on Sunday.

Oxford's Jordan Gill takes on the York defence. Picture: Oxford RL

Oxford leave it late again

Oxford RL

FOR the second week in succession, Oxford RL secured a memorable late home victory.

Following on from the previous week's impressive win over London Skolars in the League 1 Cup, scores in the last 10 minutes from Callum Windley and Jordan Siddons clinched a deserved 35-28 victory over York City Knights on Sunday.

The Blues started in disastrous fashion when York's Harry Carter opened the scoring with the first of the day's 11 tries after just 28 seconds.

York scored another a few minutes later through Hull FC loanee Nick Rawsthorne after an Oxford knock-on.

Trailing 10-0 early on, it seemed the game would get away from Oxford.

Not a chance. Instead, the home team turned things around with two quick tries from Jordan Gill, who would be Oxford's hat-trick hero, and Max Jowitt, who also converted both to give Oxford a two-point lead quarter of the way into the match.

York regained the upper hand with three tries before half time thanks to Jonny Presley (24 minutes), Brad Hey (29) and Will Jubb (40) to command a 28-18 lead at the buzzer.

But once again Oxford fought back with three second half tries.

Marcus Brooker dived over the line on 48 minutes and Gill scored his third of the afternoon on 67 to tie the scores.

Windley fired a drop goal through the middle of the posts from 30 metres to nudge Oxford ahead and, leading 29-28, the result was sealed with two minutes to spare when Jordan Siddons burst through to score.

York did mount one last-ditch attack but the hooter sounded to signal a famous victory.

Debut senior goal brings Diddy win

Didcot Town

YOUNGSTER Ross Tanner scored his first senior goal as Didcot Town recorded back-to-back victories for the first time in 2017 in a 2-0 home win against Wimborne Town on Saturday.

A goal early in each half was enough to see the Railwaymen earn the win in what was their first clean sheet since early December.

On the back of their win at relegated Bridgwater Town the previous week, it took just four minutes for the hosts to go ahead as a Ben Whitehead free kick was headed beyond Gerard Benfield in the Wimborne goal by George Reid.

The Magpies got into the game and put pressure on Didcot but were unable to seriously test Leigh Bedwell.

They had a chance to equalise from the spot before half time but Bedwell easily saved Tobias Holmes' penalty.

Diddy had a penalty of their own just minutes into the second half after Reid was tripped in the box.

Whitehead's penalty was parried into the path of Tanner who fired under Benfield for his first senior goal and to double Didcot's advantage.

Ross Tanner (3) scores his first senior goal for Didcot Town
Picture: Roger Neal

The visitors pressured in the second half but were continually denied by Bedwell who had a brilliant game between the sticks for Town.

But the winning run came to an end on Tuesday night when the Railwaymen lost 2-1 at home to runaway champions Hereford in their re-arranged match following crowd trouble in the fixture last month.

Didcot scored early but it wasn't enough as the Bulls fought back for the three points to take both their points and goals tally to 100.

Whitehead's brilliant volley gave Diddy the lead in the third minute with a brilliant volley before Jamie Molynuex equalised for the visitors on the stroke of half time.

Former Railwayman John Mills scored from the penalty spot early in the second half for the winner.

Millers play-off dream ended after defeat

North Leigh

THE play-off ambitions of North Leigh are all but over after losing 3-2 at the ever-improving Yate Town on Saturday.

The Millers beat the same side in the reverse fixture 2-1 on Tuesday to mathematically keep their play-off hopes alive, but only just.

John Brough's side went into Saturday's must-win game hungry for maximum points after a fine five-match winning streak kept them as play-off outsiders.

But Leigh woke up from their promotion dream with a fright as they now linger three places and eight points off the Division 1 South & West play-offs with three games remaining.

North Leigh started the better side on Saturday and fought valiantly back into the match from 3-0 down, but the defeat continues Yate's great run of form with their third successive victory at The Jelf Stadium.

After a slow start, the Bluebells made the breakthrough on 35 minutes when a long throw was flicked on for Jack Ball to lift the ball over Morgan Williams in the Leigh goal.

And after the break, North Leigh were at sixes and sevens as Yate threatened to run up a cricket score.

Trey Anderson struck the woodwork and the second goal did eventually come when full back Mayson Evans nodded past Williams.

The third came quickly afterwards when Jack Ball found space to rifle home.

Yate were well on top with their three-goal advantage but Leigh began to claw their way back into the match from this point.

The west Oxfordshire side was given hope when Roger James planted the ball beyond Harvey Rivers to pull a goal back.

And, after a soft ball from the right from Michael Hopkins found the back of the net after eluding two defenders and the keeper, the Millers were right back in it.

James threatened Yate continuously and tested the Bluebell's defensive resolve but Yate, who were reduced to 10 men, hung on for the three points.

Leigh enjoyed better fortunes in their 2-1 win over the same team on Tuesday.

Top scorer George Seacole gave the Millers the lead just before half time at Eynsham Park.

The home side were pegged back midway through the second period but the Yellows replied instantly as Hopkins scored from the spot for maximum points.

The Millers host Paulton Rovers on Saturday and travel to Didcot Town for the last away game of the season on Monday.

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22	Swindon Town	42	-17	43
23	Chesterfield	42	-27	37
24	Coventry City	42	-28	35

Chairman urges Puritans over the line towards play-offs

Banbury United

THE chairman of play-off chasing Banbury United has issued a rallying cry as the Southern Premier League heads into its exciting final stages.

The Puritans needed a 79th minute winner to beat a feisty Cinderford Town who, despite being rooted to the bottom of the table, proved difficult opponents on Saturday.

But the 2-1 win at the Causeway Ground keeps Banbury in the hunt for a second successive promotion with their seventh win in eight matches.

Goals from Luke Carnell and Manny Duku resulted in a hard-earned three points to keep alive their hopes of a play-off place.

Merthyr Town, the team United are hunting, came from behind to beat St Neots 3-2 on Saturday to maintain their one-point advantage over the north Oxfordshire side.

The Welsh outfit have been stubborn and have answered every question the Puritans have asked of them so far, but Banbury's fine form has propelled them to within four points of third and fourth placed Hitchin Town and Slough Town.

And with three matches remaining – two of which are against teams above them – Ronnie Johnson, the Banbury chairman, has urged "one final push".

In a statement on the club's website, he said: "So, here we are three games left and only a point away from the play-off positions in the Southern League Premier Division.

"Could we have imagined this at the commencement of the season? In August 2016, the optimists amongst us would certainly reply with a hearty yes but this achievement to date should not be taken for granted.

"Of course, we may fall short but Mike Ford and his squad of players have once again put this club on the footballing map.

"This squad have been a credit to our club, as a further highlight we are presently top of the Fair Play League in the Premier Division, let's make sure we give the lads loud and positive support during these final encounters.

"Our support home and away has been fantastic this season with our average home attendance around 350 and we are undoubtedly one of the best away supported clubs in our league taking between 50 -100 fans to every away game with a massive 200 following at Stratford a couple of weeks ago.

"Congratulations to all involved but let's give it a big final push."

The fan owned community club welcome Hitchin (third) to The Banbury Plant Hire Community Stadium on Saturday before traveling Leamington (second) on Easter Monday.

The Puritans finish the season at home to Kettering (eighth) on April 22.

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Canice Carroll, below and left, made just his second senior start at Walsall on Saturday Picture: Darrell Fisher

Coming of age defender has a 'really big future'

By George Welch

OXFORD United head coach Michael Appleton has praised emerging academy product Canice Carroll after a difficult week for the club that ended in a hard fought draw at Walsall on Saturday.

The U's came from behind to draw 1-1 at the Banks's Stadium when a deflected Chris Maguire shot in the second half cancelled out an excellent Andreas Makris goal to earn a share of the spoils.

After a challenging week that included a cup final defeat at Wembley and a 3-1 defeat at home to Fleetwood Town on Wednesday last week, it was a welcomed point in the Midlands.

The play-offs might be out of reach for Appleton's side (seven points off with four games to go), but there has been newfound optimism around youth product Carroll.

The right back was impressive in just his second league start for the club, and the young Irishman's boss was full of praise for him.

Speaking of the 18-year-old, Appleton said: "He has a great temperament and a really big future.

"He has really come of age in the last three or four months, stepped up his training and become more competitive and more of a leader.

"I'm not sure he will end up as a right back, eventually he will be in the middle of the park, but he is doing exactly what I thought he would when he got in the team and he will continue to do that. Definitely."

Carroll's outstanding display was part of a spirited second half team performance.

Boss Appleton, who confessed the Checkatrade Trophy defeat to Coventry City was his lowest moment in his football career, might have an eye on next season in League One but he has admitted his side will keep fighting after Saturday's draw.

He added: "The first half [against Walsall] had almost a pre-season feel to it on a warm day with both sides in a comfortable position.

"If anything their goal probably spurred us on more than it did them and we spent the rest of the half camped in their area other than one or two counter attacks."

Appleton added: "I was very pleased with the performance if not the result."

The play-offs remain a long shot but there is still hope for the U's who have two big games (at Bradford City and at home to Port Vale) over the Easter weekend.

"A win might have put us right back in. You never know, there might be a twist or turn still," Appleton added.

"I think there will with one of the clubs whether it is Rochdale, Southend, Bristol Rovers.

"It was important that we got something [against Walsall]. It has been a difficult week for everybody and we have had to take two big defeats on the chin.

"To come here and show a bit of character after going a goal down says everything."

U's play-off hopes fade with defeat

OXFORD United's play-off ambitions hang by a thread after losing 3-1 at home to Fleetwood Town.

The U's failed to lift the cloud of disappointment following last Sunday's Checkatrade Trophy final loss and the defeat on Wednesday last week to the Cod Army leaves them adrift of the play-off pack.

Fleetwood's win at the Kassam delayed table toppers Sheffield United's promotion party until last Saturday and maintained their own hopes of reaching the Championship.

The high-flying visitors, who are third in the League One table and seven points off the automatic promotion places, took the lead after just six minutes when debutant Canice Carroll felled Amari'I Bell in the box.

It was a clumsy challenge by the young Irish international who was making his first league appearance.

U's goalkeeper Simon Eastwood went the wrong way as Bobby Grant rolled the ball home.

Carroll was the most relieved man on the pitch when Curtis Nelson piled home the equaliser soon after.

Liam Sercombe made it with a low shot that pinballed off of a block and broke to the defender who swivelled to thump it beyond visiting keeper Alex Cairns.

United boss Michael Appleton made four changes from Sunday's Trophy defeat with Carroll – who enjoyed a solid debut (penalty aside) – joined in the starting XI by the recalled Sercombe, Josh Ruffels and Conor McAleny.

Needing the three points rather than just one, United sacrificed the excellent Ruffels for striker Toni Martinez just after the hour and the tempo and urgency intensified.

There were some fierce challenges and no shortage of commitment but, on 75 minutes, it was the Cod Army who netted the decisive goal when Ashley Eastham got in front of his man to nod home a Grant cross at the near post.

Striker David Ball then killed the game off with an emphatic finish from 12 yards after Fleetwood utilised the extra space as United pushed forward in hunt of an equaliser.

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